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Grand Jury slams Park District

■ *Tate calls report 'Un-American'*

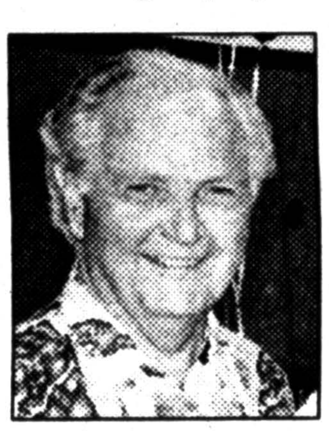
■ *Foreman defends consensus*

By KIRSTIE WILDE

THE NINETEEN members of the Monterey County Grand Jury dropped the equivalent of a two-ton safe on the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) this week when they issued a report scathingly critical of the management and board of directors of the park district.

Gary Tate

The Grand Jury's investigation, done because of "several citizen complaints," concluded that evidence of fiscal mismanagement — including improper use of public funds, inappropriate support of private political groups, unwarranted litigation at great expense to the taxpaying public and lack of adequate oversight by the park district board of directors — is reason enough to dissolve the district and hand its assets and operations over to the Monterey County Parks Department.



Bob Quinn

But since the park district was created by a vote of the people, it is independent of the county and can only be disbanded by another vote of the people. "There is no way that is going to happen," according to Gary Tate, who ran the park district for 25

*See **PARKS** page 13A*

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Monterey County planning commissioners listen intently as Pebble Beach Company executive Ed Brown describes the layout of the new golf course the company wants to build at the site of the existing equestrian center. Commissioners also visited the site of 53 townhouses for moderate-income buyers that planning experts say should be built in Del Monte Forest.

County wants 53 affordable homes in Pebble Beach

By PAUL MILLER

A 192-PAGE report issued this week by the Monterey County Planning Department recommends that the county approve the entire development and open space plan proposed by the Pebble Beach Company, including 316 new home sites in 16 subdivisions, 53 townhomes on Sunridge Road for moderate-income buyers, a new golf course, a relocated equestrian center, and 400 new acres of dedicated open space in Del Monte Forest.

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SAM FARR TAKES THE OATH

WITH HIS old law professor doing the honors, Representative Sam Farr (D-Carmel) was sworn in January 7 at his late father's home on Carmelo St.

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Trust raising money to preserve last piece of Pescadero Canyon

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE BIG SUR LAND TRUST is putting together a deal with the city of Carmel and a private property owner that will put in place the last piece of the puzzle necessary to preserve open space in Pescadero Canyon.

Under the agreement, property owner Kermit Dorius will sell his 25,000-square-foot-lot — appraised at $550,000 — to the land trust at a bargain price of $100,000. The land trust will then transfer the proper-

*See **DORIUS** page 12A*

Mandatory yard waste recycling on tap for council

By TAMARA GRIPPI

IN ORDER to comply with California State Law requiring cities to recycle at least half their garbage by the year 2000, the Carmel City Council will consider a mandatory yard waste pick-up program at its Jan. 12 meeting.

If approved by council, the city will amend its contract with the Carmel Disposal Service, making separate yard-waste collection mandatory for everyone who has trash pick-up.

Carmel City Administrator Jere Kersnar hopes that adding collection barrels for shrubbery will push Carmel over the 50-percent mark of recycling its waste.

With residential curbside recycling already in place, the city is currently able to divert about 33-percent of its waste from the landfill, according Kersnar.

"The calculation is that 15-percent of our historic waste stream is yard waste," Kersnar said. "If we can get people to put it in [recycling], it helps us meet that 50 percent goal."

In fact, the city will face fines if it doesn't meet the January 2000 deadline.

In addition to mandatory yard waste pick-up, the city is also hoping to beef up its recycling program in the commercial district, Kersnar said. The recycling committee further recommends making garbage collection service mandatory for all property owners.

Currently, property owners are allowed to use alternatives to garbage pick up, Kersnar said.

If the council approves the yard waste pick up, the program would go into effect in March. Leaves, twigs and lawn clippings, collected weekly with the trash, would be used as compost.

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I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Pledge of Allegiance (Council Member Hazdovac)
IV. Extraordinary Business
  A. Presentation of a Five-year Service Award to Philip Nash II, Police Department, Police Officer
  B. Presentation of a Five-year Service Award to Linda MacDonald, Harrison Memorial Library, Hourly Library Assistant I
  C. Presentation of Certificates of Commendation to the Carmel Fire Department and to Chuck August and John Trenner for their outstanding performance in the line of duty
  D. Receive presentation from the Big Sur Land Trust and Carmel Open Space Task Force on the acquisition of the Dorius property located in Pescadero Canyon
V. Announcements from Closed Session, from City Council Members and the City Administrator
  A. Announcements from Closed Session
  B. Announcements from City Council representatives on outside agencies
  C. Announcements from the City Administrator
VI. Appearances
VII. Consent Calendar
  A. Approve the City Council minutes for the meetings of 27 October, and 7, 8, and 14 December 1998, copies having been distributed to members of the City Council
  B. Adopt Resolution No. 99-01 amending and restating the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea's deferred compensation plan and Trust Document Agreement with Washington Mutual Bank, F.A., incorporating provisions of the Small Business Protection Act of 1996
  C. Adopt Resolution No. 99-02 cosponsoring the 1999 Annual Donor Salute on February 15, 1999, with the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees and Carmel Public Library Foundation
  D. Ratify the Community and Cultural Commission's appointment of Cornelia Emery to serve on the Committee for Art in Public Places (CAPP)
  E. Adopt Resolution No. 99-04 authorizing an application to the California State Coastal Conservancy for funding to replace the 12th Avenue stairway access from Scenic Road to Carmel Beach
  F. Approve comment letter on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report on the Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project
  G. Adoptions Resolution No. 99-11 authorizing the Planning Commission's 1999 Calendar Year Work Program
  H. Reappoint Council Member McCloud as the City's representative to the Monterey Peninsula Waste Management District
  I. Adopt Resolution No. 99-03 authorizing an expenditure of an amount not to exceed $500 from the City Council's Discretionary Account to assist AMBAG with expenses involved in promoting local attractions at the National Association of Regional Councils' 33rd Annual Conference in June
  J. Adopt Resolution No. 99-10 accepting a gift of $1000 from Carmel Celebrates Community for deposit in the Mayor's Youth Fund
VIII. Public Hearings
  A. Consideration of an appeal of a condition of approval (wood windows) by the Planning Commission of a design study application for the substantial alteration of an existing single-family residence located on the southwest corner of Casanova Street and 12th Avenue (Block AA, Portion of Lots 1 and 3). The appellant is Marjorie Ingram representing the property owner Ann Solon. (Continued from the December meeting)
  B. Consideration of Resolution No. 99-06 amending the Contract between the City and Carmel Disposal Service by implementing a mandatory residential and commercial yard-waste collection program
  C. Consideration of Resolution No. 99-08 approving the change of control of the Cable Communications Franchise
IX. Ordinances: None
X. Orders of Council
  A. Consideration of an application from Carter E. Stanley for approval of an existing illegal encroachment (parking and walkway area) on public property located on the west side of Camino Del Monte between 2nd and 3rd Avenues (Block 028 N9, Lot 7)
XI. Resolutions
  A. Consideration of Resolution No. 99-05 adopting the recommendations of the Traffic Committee: 1) authorizing 24-hour enforcement of the ten-minute green zones on Fifth Avenue between Dolores Street and San Carlos Street and adding new signage as appropriate on a six month trial basis; and 2) authorizing the conversion of a zone designated for compact cars located on the southwest corner of Dolores Street and sixth Avenue to motorcycle/bicycle parking
  B. Consideration of Resolution No. 99-07 adopting Policy C99-01 for Emergency Tree Removal
  C. Consideration of Resolution No. 99-09 authorizing the formation of the Sunset Theater Project Building Committee and appointing members there-to, as a successor to the Sunset Theater Project Steering Committee; and authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sunset Center for the Arts
XII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the City Council will be:
The Regular Meeting
February 2, 1999, 3:00 p.m. (Closed Session) • 3:30 p.m. Open Session

Grand jury's view: Carmel River has plenty of water for thirsty Monterey Peninsula

■ *Artificial shortage not the way to control growth, jurors say*

By PAUL MILLER

THE MONTEREY COUNTY Grand Jury this week attempted to answer one of the ubiquitous questions about water on the Peninsula: "If there's a shortage, why are new development projects still being approved?"

The jurors' answer is that no water shortage exists.

"There is adequate water available from the Carmel River to satisfy the needs of the area . . . including environmental preservation," the Grand Jury said in its 1998 report.

Darby Fuerst, head of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District said he concurs with the Grand Jury's findings. "On average, there is plenty of water in the Carmel River for municipal uses while still maintaining minimum stream-flow requirements," Fuerst said.

A former member of the water board, Fran Farina, also agreed wholeheartedly that — except in drought years — plenty of water flows down the Carmel River to supply the needs of people and the environment.

"It's an accurate statement . . . we don't have a water shortage," Farina said.

Why, then, have tens of thousands of Cal-Am customers been told to reduce water use right after a year of record-breaking rainfall?

"There are inadequate facilities to store enough water to meet the needs of the current population," the Grand Jury report says.

"We have enough water but what we lack is the capacity to store it," Farina said.

According to water officials, the total amount of water used by Cal-Am customers is about 15,000 acre-feet a year.

(An acre foot is 325,850 gallons — enough to cover a one-acre area with a foot of water.)

And according to the grand jurors, "during the rainy season of 1997-1998 over 100,000 acre-feet of water flowed into the ocean" from the Carmel River — enough to supply the entire area for more than six years.

But without a way to store some of that water to keep the taps running even during dry years, the Grand Jury warned that the state could order Cal-Am customers to cut their water use to 100 gallons per day per household. Such drastic cutbacks would make it "virtually impossible for most households to function," the Grand Jury warned.

Why hasn't something been done to augment Cal-Am's water storage capability?

Many oppose a new dam — which would cost $127 million — by contending that "if sufficient water is made available, this in itself will increase development," the report says.

But the Grand Jury argues that many communities in the United States "which have virtually unlimited water supplies have been able to regulate their growth through implementation of and adherence to master [development] plans through local control."

Boulder, Colorado, is a good example, according to the jurors, of a city that has successfully controlled growth without depriving residents of an adequate water supply or any other essential municipal services.

Fuerst said his agency isn't — and does not want to be — in charge of controlling growth.

"We haven't allocated any new water since 1993, except for the a small amount for the new cancer wing at CHOMP," Fuerst said. "We defer totally to the Board of Supervisors and the various city councils for decision-making about zoning and permits," he said.

Some of the big projects that have been approved had their own independent water supply, Fuerst said. Other projects are under construction that were approved years ago.

The Grand Jury said the public is understandably confused about the local water situation.

"The problem is, as long as water comes out of the tap when you turn it on, most people aren't going to get excited about the water supply problem," Farina said.

But "time is quickly running out for a solution to the water problem," the Grand Jury report says.

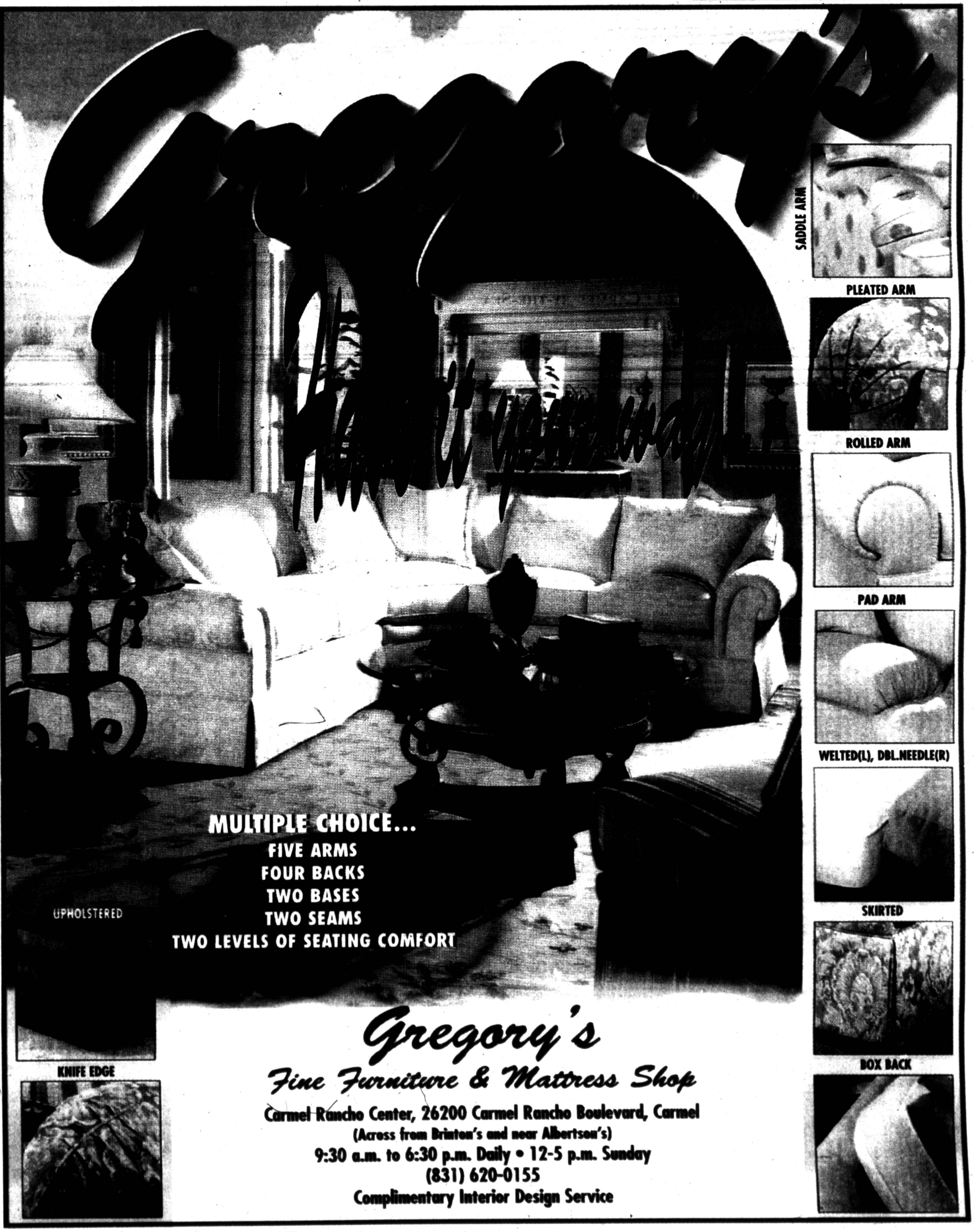
More cents to mail letters

IT'S NOT the Y2K meltdown — but be prepared for far-reaching change this Sunday, Jan. 10. New postage rates take effect that day, with the single-piece, first-ounce letter rate inching up a penny to 33¢.

Sunday's increase marks the first upping of mail rates in four years. But what the U.S. Postal Service takes away, it also gives. The rate for each additional ounce will decrease from 23 to 22 cents. Max weight for first-class mail climbs from 11 to 13 ounces.

Postcards will cost more, too.

Our advice? Use up those 32-cent stamps before Sunday, or stock up on penny stamps pronto. And remember that the Carmel-by-the-Sea post office is now open Saturdays.



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HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Elderly female struck her right shin and suffered a laceration while shopping at a shop on Ocean. Subject refused medical treatment and demanded that I close the business. Subject advised this is a civil matter, no criminal intent.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Moved motor home parked on Del Mar.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen on San Carlos and 8th reported on-going neighbor problem — leaving notes and cards on the front door. Also calls her several times at work and makes annoying remarks.

Carmel Valley: While making a business check at the Mid-Valley Safeway, four minors were contacted, and found to be under the influence of alcohol. All were cited and their drivers licenses confiscated. One subject was arrested for obstructing a peace officers. Another was arrested for drunk in public and using a false I.D. to buy alcohol.

Carmel Valley: Subject found in the Mid-Valley Safeway store creating a disturbance. Due to her level of intoxication, she was unable to care for her own safety.

Carmel Valley: Individual reported seeing three juveniles throwing rocks at passing vehicles and a county sign at the intersection of Nason Road and Cachagua Road. No damage was found. Two juveniles matching the description were contacted but denied throwing rocks.

Pebble Beach: Individual reported having been involved in a verbal argument with an estranged male acquaintance. RP wished to know what she needed to do to keep this person away from her. She was advised of several solutions, including a restraining order.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security reported juveniles playing loud music on Elk Run Road. The juveniles cooperated after being told to turn it off.

Carmel Valley: Subject stopped for CVC violations on Carmel Valley Road at Laureles Lodge. He was found to be in possession of methamphetamines, and taken into custody. An additional amount of methamphetamines was found at his residence.

Carmel area: Valley Way resident report-

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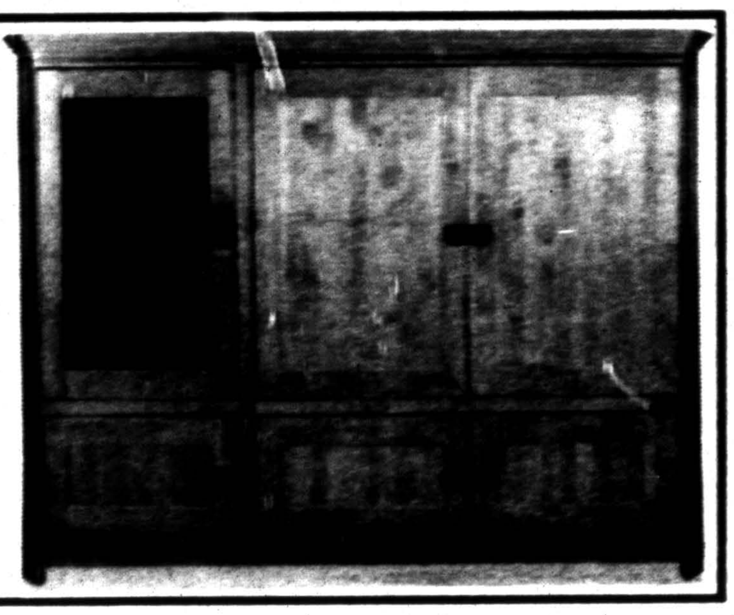

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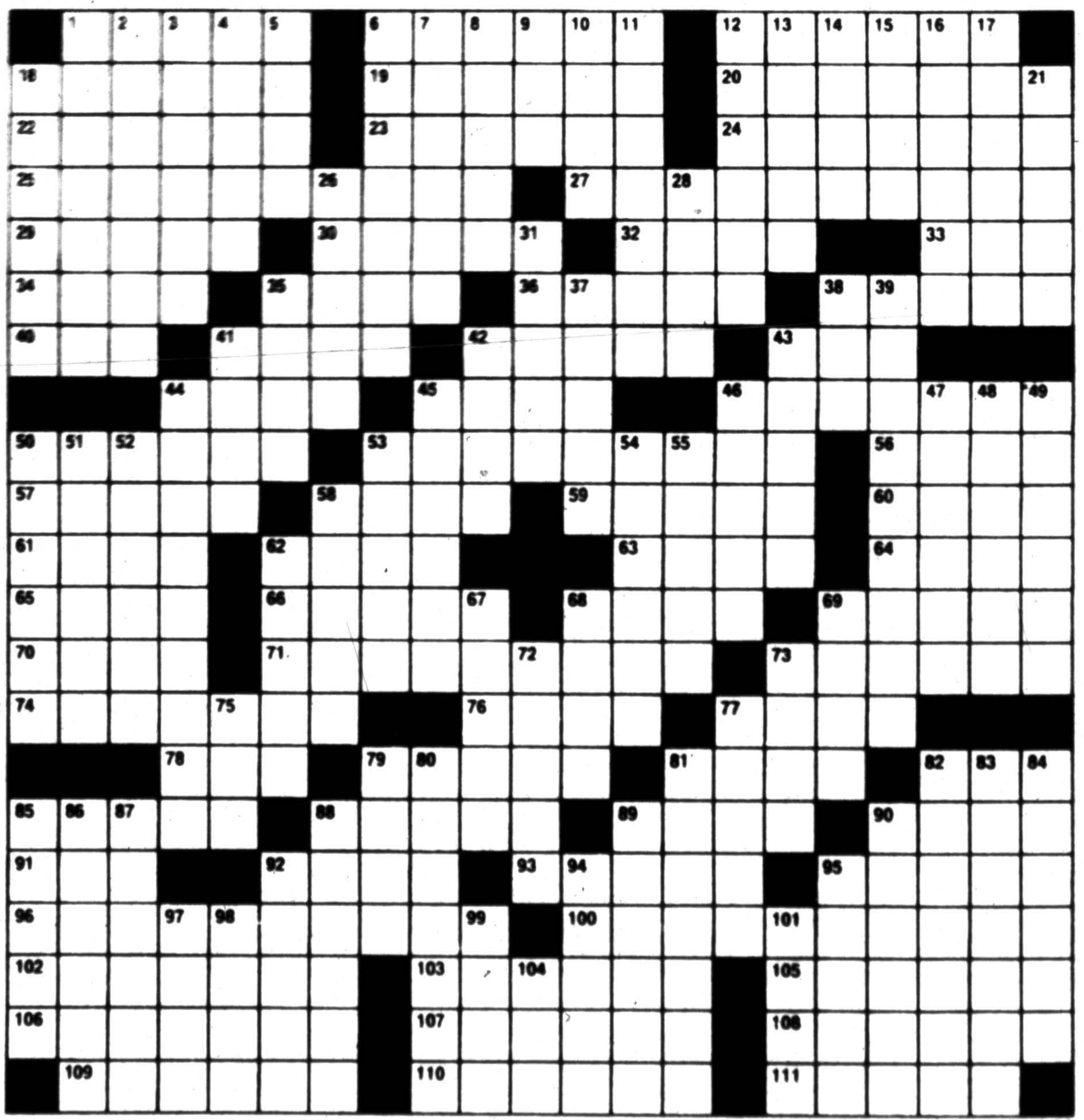

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FARR

From page 1A

Propped up by two crutches under his arms and with a soft cast protecting his broken ankle, Farr took the oath of office a day late and thousands of miles away from the other new members of Congress, who were sworn *en masse* in Washington on Wednesday.

"We had to get him sworn so he can get his paycheck," joked Don Edwards, the former dean of the California Congressional delegation, who has recently moved with his wife to Carmel-by-the-Sea, right next door to the Farr homestead.

Farr's wife of 30 years, Shary, and his sister, Francesca, looked on during the ceremony.

Farr had a very rough holiday season; this was his first day up-and-around after his second hospitalization in a month.

On December 22, Farr was walking to the door of KION-TV in Salinas when he slipped on some black ice and wrenched his ankle.

"I knew it was broken the moment it happened," he said. "I slithered over and banged on the door — I wonder who they thought could be down there on the sidewalk!"

Doctors at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital operated on the ankle, inserting two screws and a pin to stabilize the bones.

The ankle injury may have exacerbated a recurring back problem, because five days later Farr found himself in Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula with a herniated disk.

He is being treated with epidural injections of steroids and is "feeling pretty good," he told friends and supporters at the private swearing-in ceremony.

Farr hopes to be back at work in Washington in time for the State of the Union address by President Clinton, scheduled for January 19.

Suit over Sept Ranch approval

THE SIERRA CLUB and a group calling itself Save our Carmel River filed a lawsuit in Monterey County Superior Court this week challenging Monterey County's approval of the September Ranch subdivision.

The suit alleges that the 109-unit project was okayed without adequate environmental review.

"Stripping water from one property so that more water can be used on another property is a dangerous precedent that could seriously damage agriculture throughout the county," Fran Farina of Save our Carmel River said.

The board of supervisors approved the ranch on a 3 -2 vote last month.

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City prepares to finalize comments on Carmel River Dam

By TAMARA GRIPPI

WITH THE Jan. 15 deadline near for comments on the newest environmental study of the proposed Carmel River Dam and Reservoir Project, the Carmel City Council will finalize its comments on Jan. 12.

In a draft letter to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the city raises concerns about construction traffic and possible growth-inducing effects of the new water supply made available by the 282-foot high dam and 24,000 acre-foot reservoir.

Carmel Assistant Planner Chip Rerig — who prepared the city's response to the dam's supplemental environmental impact report (SEIR) — called the issues relatively minor in comparison to the overall benefits of the dam.

City officials are concerned about an estimated 799 acre-feet of water which could be made available for development by the proposed dam. According to the SEIR, the dam would provide drought protection that could free up the additional water.

The city is asking for the SEIR to include a "detailed discussion" of the steps the water district would be required to follow in allocating the additional water for new construction and remodels.

"What we're concerned about is, OK, if water is for sale, exactly what are the restrictions on the water?" said Carmel Mayor Ken White.

Henrietta Stern, project manager for the water management district, said that before any water can be allotted a new EIR would be required to examine the impacts of the 799 acre-feet. A new water allocation program would require adoption of a formal ordinance, Stern said.

In April, 1994, the council unanimously voted to support the New Los Padres dam on the Carmel River. The current council has not taken a stance on the "no growth" Carmel River Dam, which is essentially the same project.

"I've said all along that I want a water source for lots of record, remodeling of small homes in town and a large reserve so that we don't ever have to go into rationing," White said.

The city is also asking that the SEIR study the potential impact of traffic going through Carmel — motorists trying to avoid the back-up of construction trucks at the Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1 intersection.

"Usually when people who live around here know there's going to be a problem, they'll shortcut through our city instead of taking time to follow a truck up a hill," Rerig said.

"That's a good question that needs to be addressed," Stern said. "I anticipate we'll be evaluating different kinds of options to avoid the Carmel Valley Road and Highway 1 option."

The city will also be asking that the SEIR include a detailed study of possible dam failure as well as a map showing what areas could be affected by flooding.

"We could potentially have a 24-thousand-acre-foot wall of water traveling down the valley," Rerig said.

An in-depth study of the dam's safety isn't something that is required by the EIR, but would instead be addressed during the dam's final design process at the state level, Stern said. The division of safety on dams is "much more rigorous than the typical EIR," Stern said.

In the letter to the water district, the city is also asking for assurances about the program to prevent sedimentation in the new dam.

The draft SEIR, released Nov. 13, asserts that construction of the proposed dam would cause adverse impacts to traffic, air quality, noise and recreation in the Cachagua area.

According to the report, the new reservoir would inundate fish and wildlife habitats, affecting steelhead trout and red-legged frogs. Cultural resources of the Esselen Native American group would also be lost or damaged.

But local vintners — who sued the water management district for an inadequate EIR in 1995 prompting the supplemental study — would not be adversely affected by the construction of the dam, according to the SEIR.

While the water district drew a large turn-out at its public comment review on the afternoon of Jan. 6, fewer than a dozen people spoke up about the EIR.

While some spoke in favor of the dam, others said they still had nagging concerns about impacts of the project.

Esselen leader Tom Little Bear Nason was concerned about the impact to burial grounds and other sacred sites. "The mitigation measures recommended are not adequate. They are too vague. They don't include thousands of years of history at 27 different sites."

Coroner completes investigation of grim discovery at Monastery Beach

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A TOURIST taking an early morning stroll on Monastery Beach Dec. 31 made an alarming discovery in the remote area off the trail — a dead body and a gun.

An investigation by the Monterey County Coroner's Office revealed that the man, Christopher Sutton, 44, of Santa Rosa, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The handgun was still in Sutton's hand when Monterey County Sheriff's deputies found the body.

At 8:43 a.m. Dec. 31, the tourist led deputies and an investigator from the coroner's office to the body, which was somewhat hidden among the rocks north of Monastery Beach.

The hiker had been climbing up on the rocks to get a view of sea lions when he discovered the body, said Sgt. John DiCarlo of the Monterey County Sheriff's Department.

Within the last few weeks the sheriff's department has been called out to two other major rescues for people who had attempted suicide. In both cases, the victims survived and were taken to the hospital.

DiCarlo said it's not unusual to discover suicide victims who are not from Monterey County.

Ironically, "a lot of people come to this area with the intent to commit suicide because it's so beautiful here," DiCarlo said.

Milestones

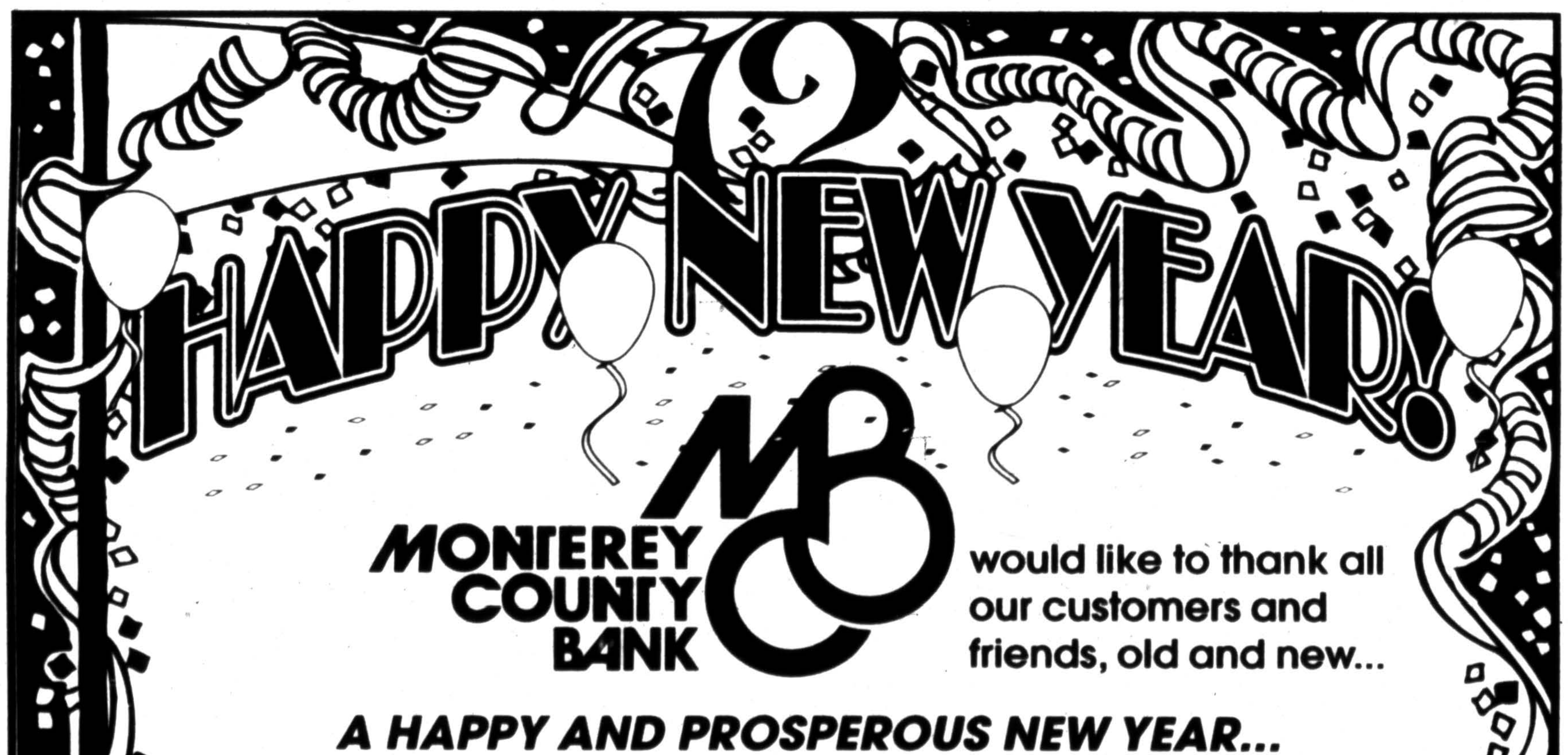
Gotton Kristina Cedercreutz, 92, died Dec. 29 in Monterey. She is survived by two daughters, including Eva Doelman of Carmel Valley, a son and six grandchildren. Gotton settled in Carmel in 1955 from her native country, Sweden. Friends are invited to attend memorial services at St. Phillips Lutheran Church in Carmel Valley on Friday, Jan. 8, beginning at 3 p.m.

Ruth Howland Blanchard, 95, died Dec. 31 at Hospice House. A former teacher at Monterey High, Miss Blanchard had lived in Carmel since the 1930s. At her request, there will be no services.

William Herbert Thompson, 79, died Jan. 5 at CHOMP. A former chemical engineer for Bechtel, Thompson retired to Carmel 16 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and his daughter, Linda Thompson, both of Carmel; two sons and seven grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at Carmel Presbyterian Church at 3 p.m. on Jan. 11.

Eric R. Hodson, 66, died Dec. 19 at CHOMP after a stroke. An art consultant, Mr. Hodson had lived in Carmel Valley for five years. His survivors include his wife, Jane, of Carmel Valley, two sons and three grandchildren.

Ona E. Murphy, a resident of Carmel, died Dec. 29 in Monterey. She is survived by her husband, Robert, two daughters, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. At her request there will be no services.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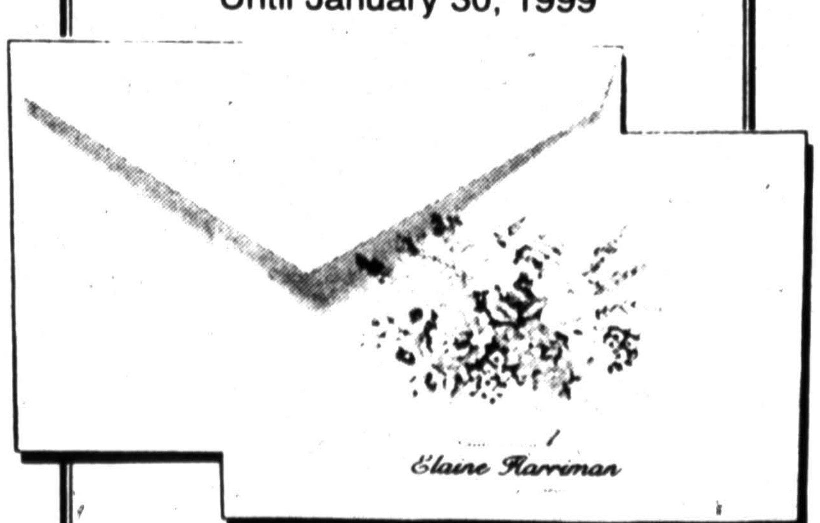

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Cops respond to TV stunt

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

DEPUTY DON Oliver's first clue was the big blue bubble glued on the side of the car. His second clue was the registration, which showed the vehicle was from Hollywood.

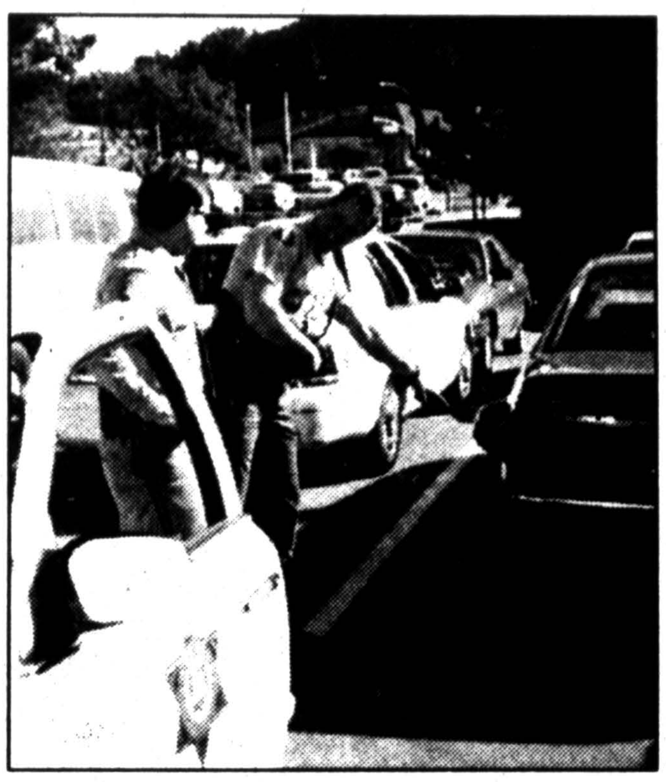
"Yup," Oliver said, "I was pretty sure it was those Candid Camera guys again."

The humor at the scene at Carmel Rancho Jan. 5 was lost on the man who called the sheriff. He thought somebody was trying to stage an accident in some kind of insurance scam.

According to Oliver, the man came out of the dry cleaners to find a woman (the actress) parked directly behind his vehicle. She said, 'I think I ran into your car!' and pointed to the damage, which was a foot-wide section of her car that ballooned out, instead of denting in.

The man, described as an elderly fellow from Carmel Knolls, thought it was ridiculous, but instead of staying around to provide humorous fodder for the hidden camera, he left the scene and called the sheriff.

Two deputies responded, along with a CHP officer. "It was kind of a waste of our time," said Oliver. "But I just told the Candid Camera person to call our communications center before they film next time"



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What kind of dent is that? Deputy Dan Robison (pointing) and CHP officer David Agredano responded to the 'emergency' call at Carmel Rancho Jan. 5.

Carmel couple waiting to repair badly eroded Pescadero Canyon

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THREE WEEKS after receiving the emergency permit from the California Coastal Commission to build a retaining wall in Pescadero Creek to protect their house from erosion, Carl and Jane Panattoni have not yet been able to resume work.

The Panattonis are still waiting to hear from the City of Carmel, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Carmel Planning Director Brian Roseth told The Pine Cone that the city's emergency permit is drafted and ready to go. "We're waiting hour by hour for word from the Army Corps," Roseth said.

The Army Corps, in turn, is waiting to receive comments from the Fish and Wildlife Service before completing its permit.

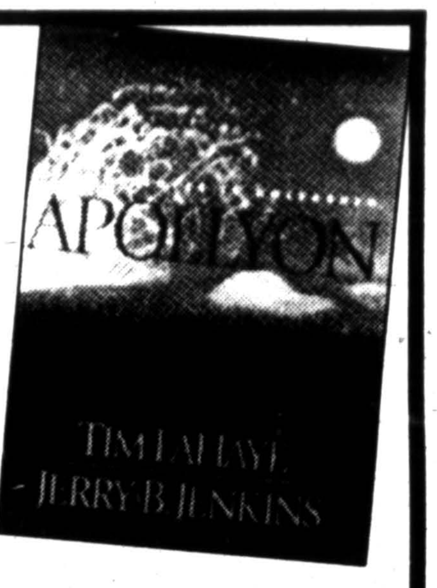
"It's a balancing act," said Gary Halsey, the environmental monitor overseeing the project for the city and paid by the Panattonis. "You want to get them in there ASAP to do the work and take advantage of the drier weather."

Roseth is also waiting to see the Panattonis' erosion-control plan.

"There are so many loose ends to tie," said Carl Panattoni. "No one seems to have control over the whole process. As individuals, everybody has been trying really hard, but the system is very unwieldy and potentially unfair."

The Carmel couple has been anxious to install the retaining wall to protect their historic home from falling into the canyon. The flood that tore through the creek last winter carved out a big section of their bluff.

"We've been fortunate that the weather's held," Panattoni said. "We just pray that it continues to hold," until the permits come through.



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Sandy Claws

LIZZA RENZ, just turned 2, knows how to pose for the camera, tossing her head so that her ear flaps back at a provocative angle, showing off her attractive standard schnauzer features.

Watching her romp and mock-battle a new canine friend on Carmel Beach Tuesday morning, Lizza's youth was evident in the indefatigable manner of her chase-and-catch, attack-and-conquer ploys. Every so often, Lizza thoughtfully reversed roles with her playmate in order to experience life to the fullest.

Mom Julie told us that Lizza is very obedient, good, smart and affectionate. One would never know to look at Lizza that her television set at home is, by necessity, encased in chicken wire to hinder her proclivity for wood consumption. She once took out a window by chewing through the wooden frame.

"Lizza has spent her allowance for the next twenty years," Mom Julia told us, exhibiting the strict disciplinary manner with which she has brought up Lizza.

Lizza plays nicely with her cousin Renée's three cats — Samantha, Harry and Gordie — but is particularly fond of Samantha, with whom she does morning stretching exercises.

If there is no beach trip planned and ennui sets in, Lizza goes to her box of over-the-hill stuffed animals (they, as window sills and television cabinets, tend to have a short life span), and searches out her favorite indestructible squeaky toy for a little excitement.

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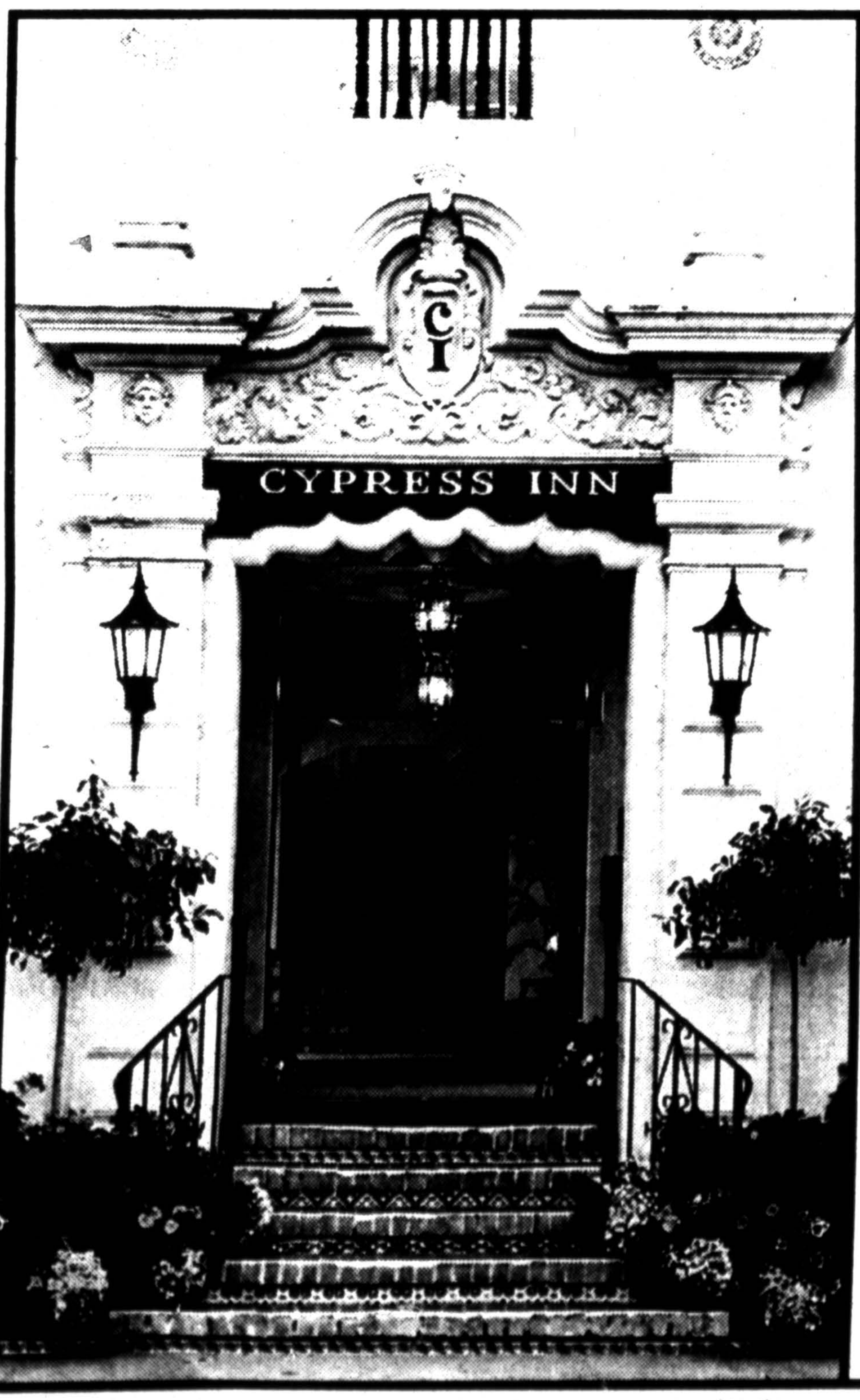

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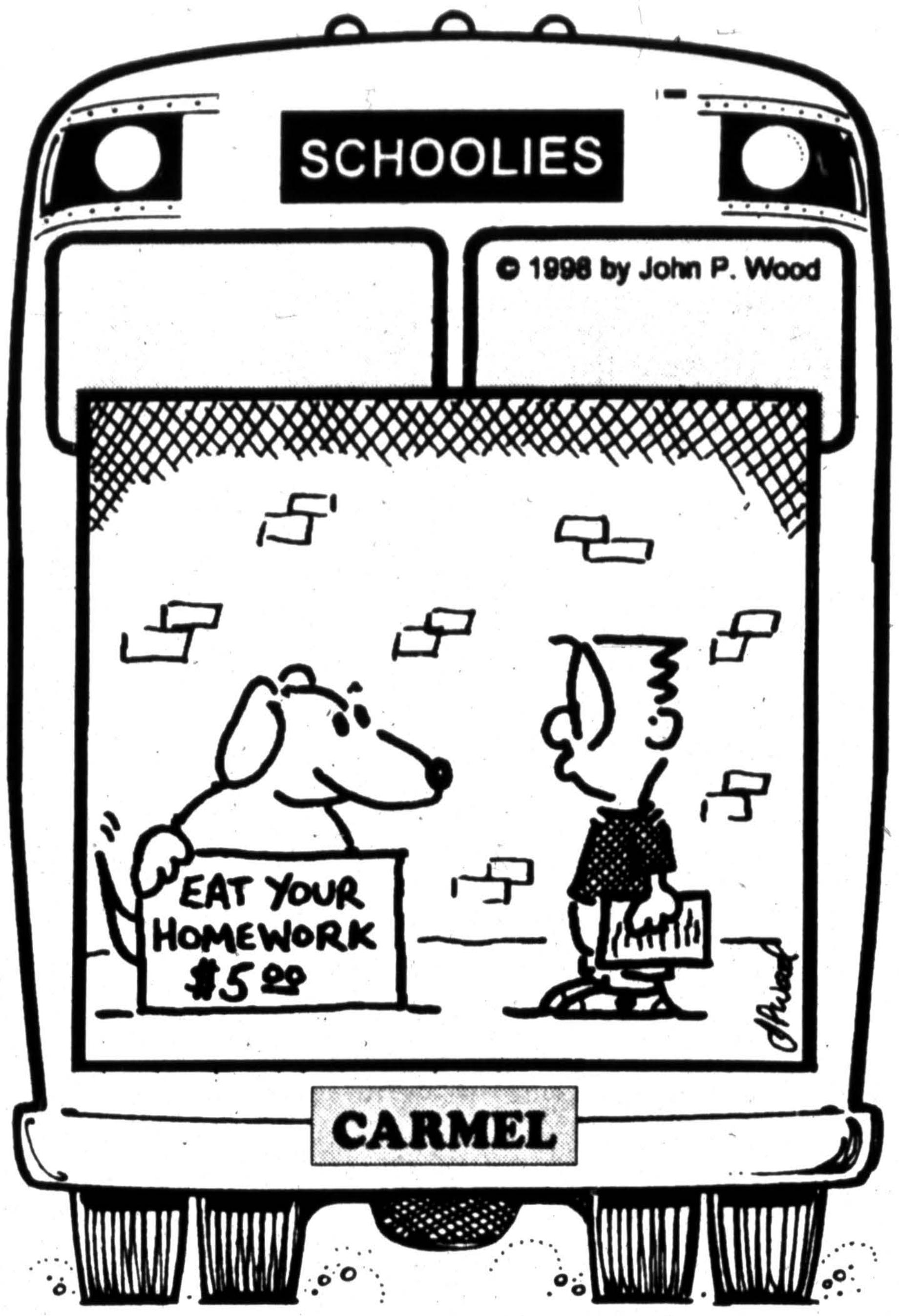

CARMEL HERITAGE CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

JIM GALLAGHER has been re-elected president of Carmel Heritage, a local citizens group devoted to preserving the village's cultural heritage.

Serving with Gallagher are Renate Wunsch, first vice president; Sissi Maleki, second vice president (she is also a Carmel Pine Cone columnist); Skip Keyzers, treasurer; and Chris Sidner, secretary.

Gallagher is also president of YES for Carmel, and serves as a trustee on the Tor House Board.

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Coffee Break

By BEVERLY BORGMAN

Count me among the bereaved

YOU DIDN'T see it in the Sheriff's Log, but a cold-blooded killer sneaked into town in the dead of one recent Sunday night and mercilessly cut down some of Carmel's finest inhabitants.

Not content with wreaking havoc on just that one occasion, the murderer came back a second, then a third and finally a fourth night, cutting a deadly swath through the community that will leave scars for years.

No, you won't find any multiple obituaries, but you would have found a great many saddened citizens as they surveyed the damage of the four-night FREEZE on their Carmel gardens.

I was among the bereaved as I made a melancholy inspection of what, only days earlier, had been a colorful array of impatiens, pelargonium and even a silly tomato plant that thought it was still summer. They, and even the volunteer succulents that grow like weeds, now lay in slimy congealed heaps looking no better than the forgotten zucchini at the bottom of the refrigerator.

The aptly named Pride of Madeira, whose stalks were nearly ready for a spectacular purple bloom in January, hung their heads in shame, burnt to a crisp by the unexpected frost. Several Mexican sage plants, started from cuttings this past fall, were bent double. The Mexican marigold, once a burst of yellow-gold blossoms, now was shriveled. The lavender lantana, a year-round leafy green shrub, was reduced to a pile of dried sticks. Truly, walking about the garden was like walking through a graveyard of friends.

But what does one do in a graveyard? One whistles.

And so I searched for signs of life among the dead — and found some. The two potted citrus trees on the patio had been saved by covering them with bed sheets. A few leaves at the top were brown, but tiny green oranges and lemons still clung to the branches like survivors of a shipwreck.

SURVIVORS

Two old-fashioned geraniums, lucky enough to be under the oak trees, sported a few brave blossoms. Several pots of candytuft, planted from seed, would definitely need intensive care, but they were alive! Sheltered by the porch overhang, the Peruvian lilies — my pampered darlings! — showed fat and healthy pink buds.

I've said it before; I'll say it again. To be a gardener, you must be an optimist. In California that's not too hard. In Carmel it usually takes nothing more than getting up in the morning; EVERYTHING seems to grow here effortlessly.

However, a frost like last month's separates the men from the boys, the women from the girls, the true gardener from the April enthusiast who picks up a plant at the drugstore, then forgets to water it.

Yesterday I started ripping out the victims of the freeze, pruning those that may or may not survive, raking away the debris of what were once beautiful flowers. A couple of friendly little birds with yellow markings on their heads joined me, apparently finding yummy things to eat in what is left of my garden.

And, as if to reinforce my belief in the renewal of the earth, I noticed some other survivors: a half-dozen perfect yellow pansies, their faces turned to the sun in cheery smiles as if to say, "Hey, Bev, let's get on with it. Spring is coming."

■ *Bev welcomes your comments at P.O. Box 4402, Carmel, 93921, or via email at Bevwrite@aol.com.*

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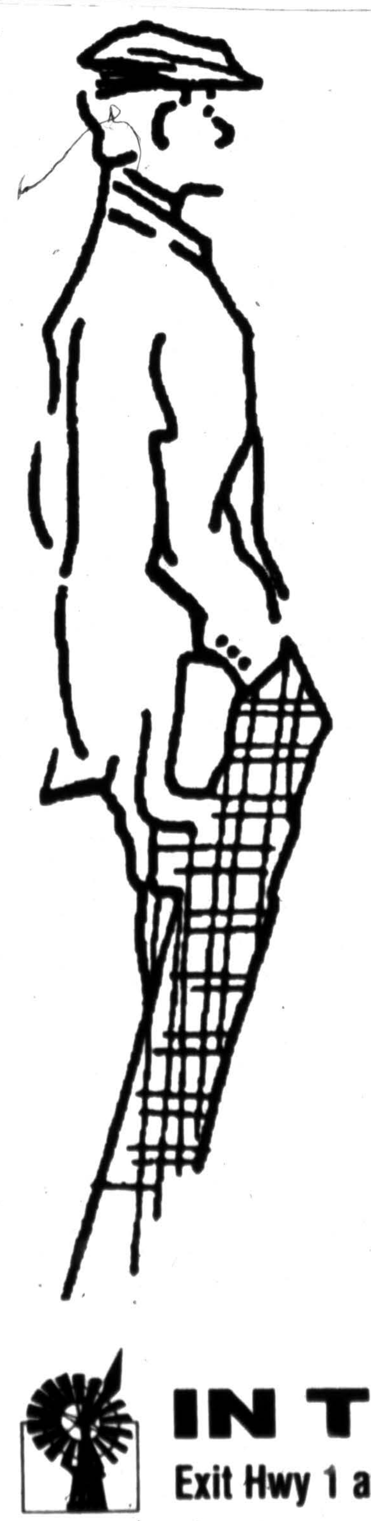

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Plenty of new faces will show at '99 AT&T Pro-Am

By JERRY STEWART

THE 'AIR' surrounding the upcoming AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am is electric with the tantalizing possibility that the world's most famous athlete, Michael Jordan, will be teeing off Feb.1.

According to tournament spokesperson Cathy Scherzer, it's not the first time that Jordan has been invited to participate, but this year is first time it looks like he might actually show.

``He usually gets invited but can't play due to the NBA season," said Scherzer.

The NBA lockout had provided Jordan with an open window in his schedule, but now that the lockout has been resolved the question is whether or not Jordan will decide to retire.

One of Jordan's best pals, fellow hoopster Charles Barkley, was quoted Jan. 7 on KGO Radio as saying that Jordan is currently in the Bahamas on a golf vacation and will not be returning to the Bulls.

"We're just playing the waiting game," said Scherzer.

The RSVPs

Some of the big names who have confirmed their appearance are Cy Young-award-winning pitcher Roger Clemens of the Toronto Blue Jays, first baseman Mark Grace of the Chicago Cubs and free-agent pitcher and former San Francisco Giant pitcher Orel Hershiser.

Scherzer also said that Seattle Mariners center fielder Ken Griffey Jr. may also be coming.

If Jordan does not attend, Griffey could end up being paired with Tiger Woods or with defending Masters champion Mark O' Meara.

Other entertainers include Darius Rucker of Hootie and the Blowfish, actor Will Devane and businessman Stedman Graham, who's the beau of Oprah Winfrey.

The tournament's chairman of the board, Clint Eastwood, who sat out last year's event, did not rule out the possibility of participating this year.

"I hadn't planned on playing this year," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "I might, but I haven't made up my mind yet."

Eastwood has been focusing his efforts more towards the tournament itself, and improving the relationship between the board and the Pebble Beach Co. and those who pay to be a part of the event.

"I think we can do a little more personalizing with the people who are paying to come play in the tournament," said Eastwood. "People do pay good money to come and be a part of the tournament and it's a good contribution to our charities. We want those people to feel like celebs.'

On the professional side, Scherzer said there is a strong possibility that PGA star Fred Couples may be making a rare appearance.

Couples, the defending champion of next week's Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, has been chronically bothered by a bad back. Many golf publications, including Golf Digest, have said that Couples will play more early-season West Coast events such as the AT&T Pro-Am to try to find a groove for 1999.

One big name who recently confirmed his appearance is 26-year-old Justin Leonard, who won last year's Players Championship at Sawgrass and snatched the British Open title in 1997.

Also confirmed are two of golf's great young players, amateurs Hank Kuehne and Matt Kuchar.

Kuehne, who will be defending his U.S. Amateur title at Pebble Beach in June, is a senior at Southern Methodist University in Texas.

Winner of the U.S. Amateur crown in 1997, Kuchar made a splash with his great showings at last year's Masters and the U.S. Open at Olympic Club in San Francisco, finishing as the top amateur.

Slated for Feb. 1-7 at Spyglass Hill, Poppy Hills and Pebble Beach Golf Links, badges for the AT&T are $95 each and are available through the tournament office [(800) 541-9091)] or all BASS outlets.

Carmel Youth Baseball registration planned Tuesday

REGISTRATION FOR 1999 Carmel Youth Baseball (and softball) will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, in the Carmel Middle School cafeteria.

Fees for the 1999 season range from $75 to $90, depending on the division. All new players must provide a copy of their birth certificate to sign up.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, all tryouts except for PONY division will be held at Larson Field.

The tryout schedule will be: Pinto baseball (7 to 8 years) at 10 a.m.; Mustang baseball (9 to 10 years) at 9 a.m.; Bronco baseball (11 to 12 years) at noon; Pre-Rookie softball (7 to 8 years) at 1:30; Rookie softball (9 to 10 years) at 2 p.m.; Minor softball (11 to 12 years) at 2:30; and Major softball (13 to 14 years) at 3 p.m.

PONY baseball (13 to 14 years) tryouts will be held at Carmel Middle School at 1 p.m.

For more info, call Debbie Lemos at 625-2564.

Sports Wrapup

GIRLS HOOPS: The CHS girls basketball squad (7-7 overall, 1-0 MTAL) easily defeated Pacific Grove Jan. 6 in their league opener, beating the Breakers 79-37. Lady Padres **Alice Woods, Roslyn Riddell** and **Michelle O' Campo** each poured in 14 points for the Lady Padres. Meanwhile, Stevenson fell 33-29 to Seaside.

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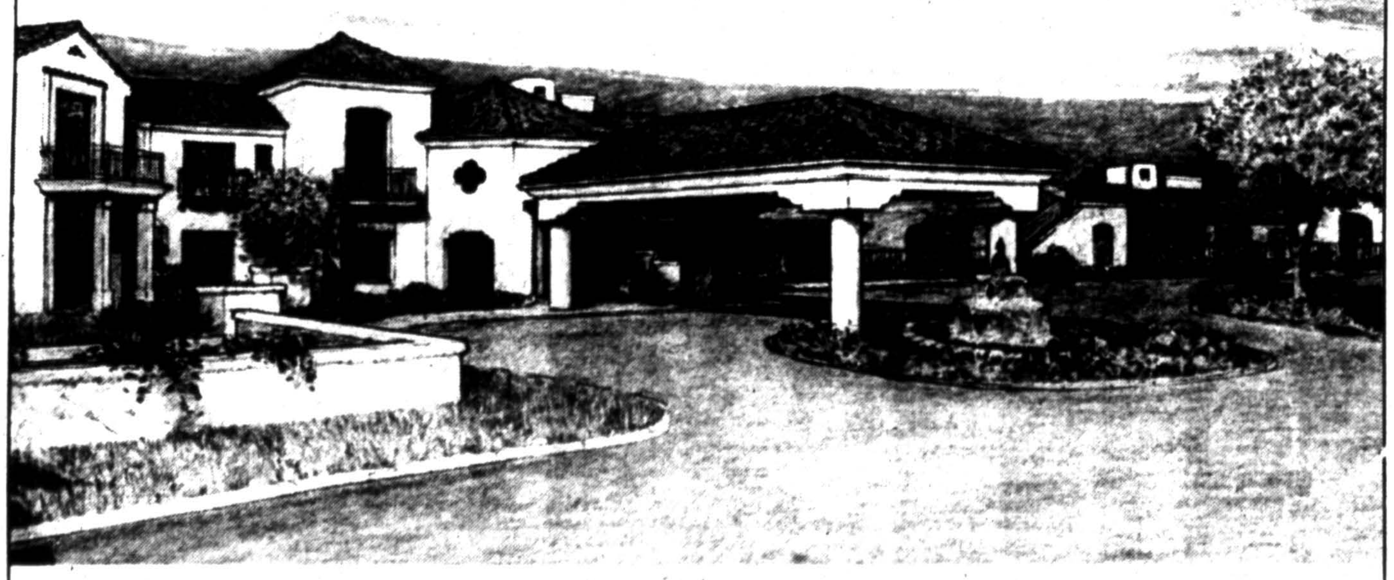

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CHS, RLS girls soccer teams back in action

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

AFTER A 19-day break, both the Carmel High and Stevenson High girls soccer teams shook off the holidays and returned to Mission Trail Athletic League action by tying their opponents.

Carmel, which entered its match versus York atop the standings (4-0-5 overall, 4-0-4 MTAL) came back a little sluggish in the 0-0 tie on Jan. 5. Credit goes to the great goalie work of Valentina Valdez, who had 10 saves.

After a bye, the Lady Padres will begin a brutal two-week stretch beginning Jan. 12 which will include games against chief rival Santa Catalina and a strong King City squad.

"Those next two weeks will most likely determine how the standings finish," said head coach Pat Lenz.

The Lady Padres will have to make their charge without one of their team leaders.

Senior Marisol Valdez has still not recuperated from a pinched nerve in her leg and will miss the remainder of the season.

"We'll just have to keep going on without her," said Lenz. "But we'll definitely miss her leadership and spark."

Sophomore Emily Moss, who was an All-MTAL pick as a freshman, also is still hampered from a nagging knee injury and has not been playing at 100 percent.

The Lady Padres can at least say they are truly undefeated. A preseason loss to North Salinas High was recently erased when officials from North Salinas forfeited the game due to the use of academically ineligible players.

Meanwhile, CHS received a gift on Jan. 6 when Stevenson traveled down to King City and battled the second place Mustangs to a 1-1 tie.

"We played really well and and played our best game to earn the tie," said Lady Pirate head coach Hilary Sturtevant.

The Lady Pirates (2-2-1 overall, MTAL) got their lone goal off the foot of center midfielder Jennifer Cortese.

Hanging around the middle of the pack, RLS should have no problem with Anzar on Jan. 7 and then will get a shot at York on Jan. 12.

"I like being considered a sleeper team," said Sturtevant. "Nobody expects us to sneak in the back door.'

Sports Wrapup

BOYS HOOPS: Both the CHS and RLS boys basketball teams opened the Mission Trail Athletic League season with losses on Jan. 6. Playing at defending league champ Pacific Grove, the Padres (7-6 overall, 0-1 MTAL) were beaten 59-47 despite 13 points from guard Lucas Becker and 10 from Travis Moran. Playing at home versus Seaside, the Pirates hung close but eventually fell 59-48 to the Spartans. Center Chuck Evans-Claasen paced the Pirates with 16 points and 13 rebounds while freshman Casey Curtis chipped in 10 points. The Pirates will travel through the forest on Jan. 8 to play at Carmel in a 7 p.m. match-up.

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DORIUS

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ty to the City of Carmel.

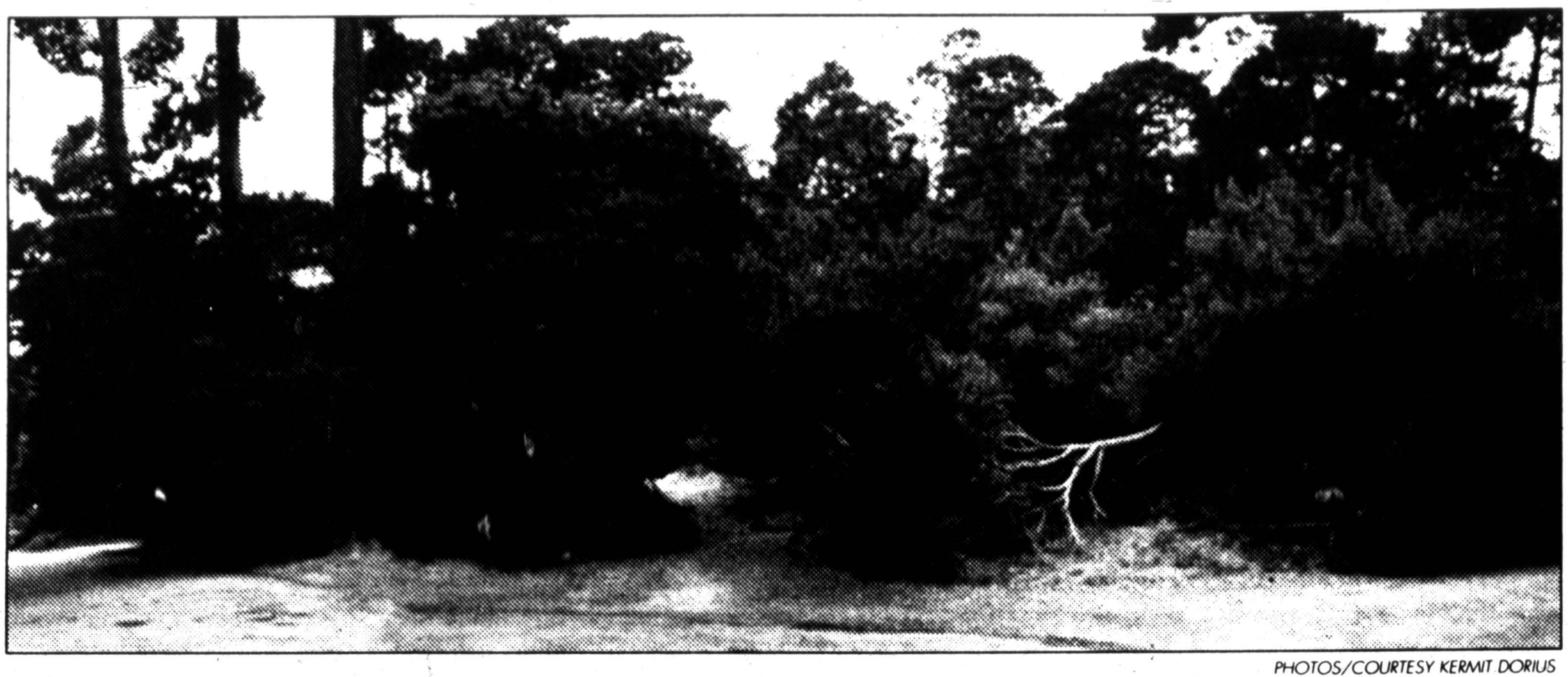
The agreement also allows Dorius to keep the .24 acre feet of water that has already been approved for his property in Pescadero Canyon at Casanova and Second Avenue. The .24 acre feet of water is roughly the amount needed to build a single-family home. The water is worth up to $120,000, according to Zad Leavy, general manager of the land trust.

Leavy said the land trust hopes to close the deal by the end of March, but it first has to raise the $100,000 to pay Dorius.

Leavy called Dorius' land "the major piece" to preserving the open space in Pescadero Canyon. "It will complete a ring of open space around the city," Leavy said.

> *'Pescadero Canyon and its wetlands are worth saving. Over the years it has been the center of continued preservation efforts.'*
>
> **— Zad Leavy, Big Sur Land Trust**

"We've been trying for some years for some resolution on the property," said Dorius, who had originally planned to retire with his wife to the home they planned to build at Pescadero Canyon. "Finally with this idea of working in combination with the land trust and being able to market our water allotment, there will be barely enough money to bail us out of the deal without a huge loss," he said.



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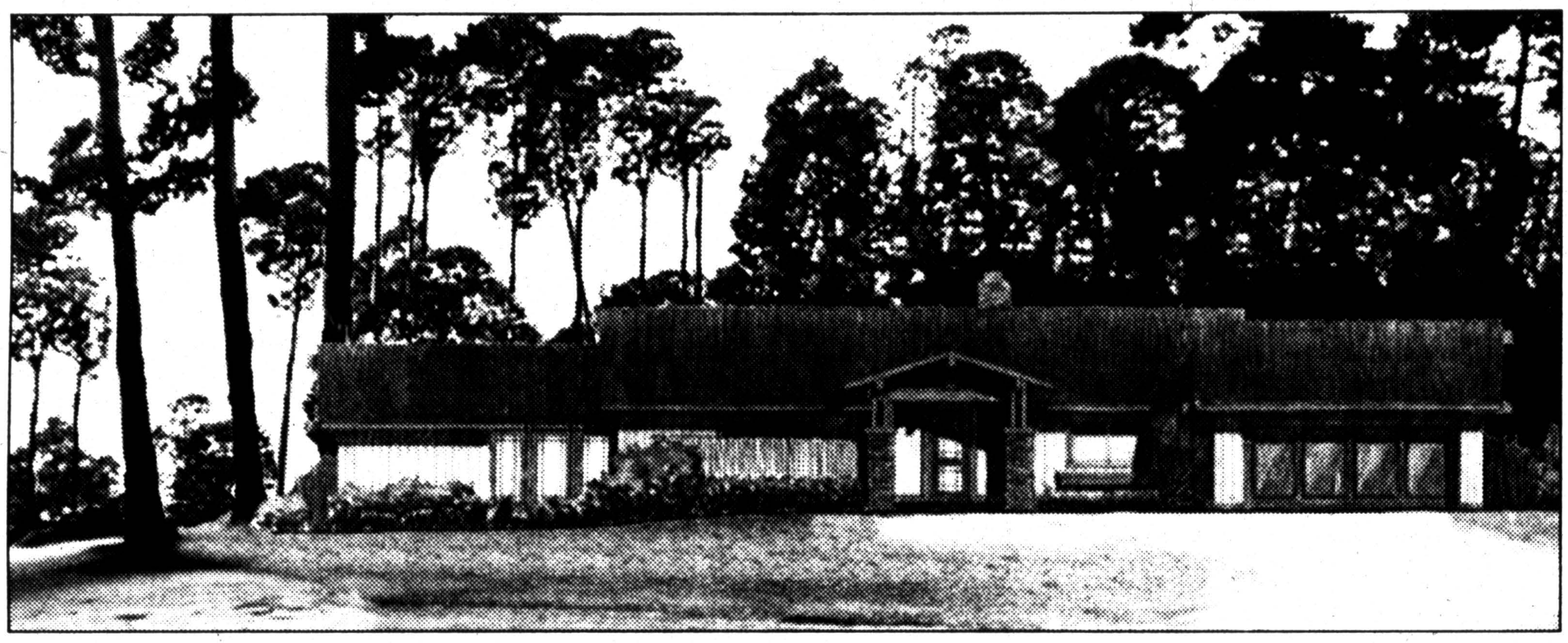
The 25,000-square-foot lot pictured above is the property Kermit Dorius will sell for $100,000 to the Big Sur Land Trust. In the image below is the home Dorius designed and intended to build on the property before he chose to have the site preserved. The photo simulation was carried out by Sean Allen of the Big Sur Land Trust.



Closing a chapter

In September the city signed a similar agreement with property owner Tim Mallery, which transferred four of Mallery's Pescadero Canyon lots to the city in exchange for his right to be able to use the .96 acre feet of water for other projects in the city.

That deal was strictly a land for water agreement.

Leavy noted that the Dorius acquisition ends a long chapter in Carmel's struggle to prevent construction in the Pescadero greenbelt. "Pescadero Canyon and its wetlands are worth saving," Leavy said. "Over the years it has been the center of continued preservation efforts."

Past attempts to preserve the Pescadero area — including land swaps, city funding for acquisition and private fund raising efforts — were not successful.

The land trust signed an option agreement with Dorius in October, which will run out by the end of March. Leavy hopes to raise the $100,000 through public and private donations and a fund-raising event at the property on Valentine's Day.

The fund raising effort will be much like the land trust's campaign in early 1997, which raised $100,000 to preserve Carmel Point, Leavy said.

Dorius said he was relieved that a solution was close at hand. He said that he already has a buyer lined up for the .24 acre feet of water credits. At this point, Dorius doesn't think his retirement plans will include building a house in Carmel.

"We probably won't find anything as satisfying as what we were planning," he said.

The only other remaining lot in question in Pescadero Canyon is owned by Norm and Barbara Pressley, who hope to replace their cottage (destroyed by a falling tree in the storms of 1995) with a somewhat larger house.

The land trust will make funding requests from the Monterey Regional Park District Board at 7 p.m. on Jan. 11 and the Carmel City Council at 3:30 p.m. Jan 12.

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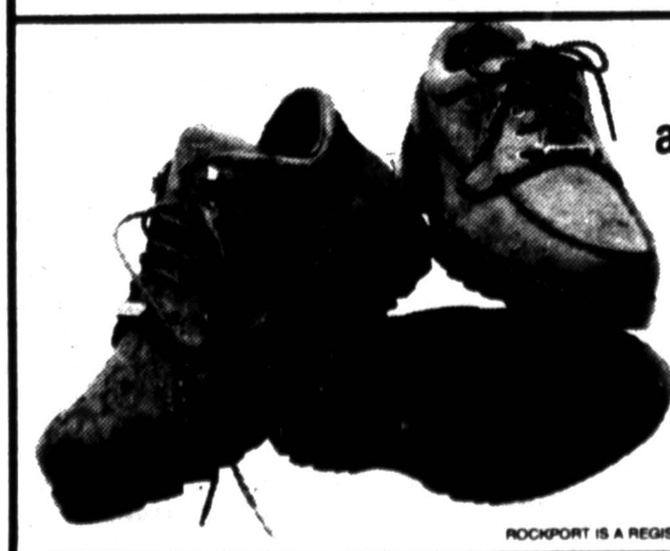

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PARKS

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years until his retirement last August. "The vast majority of the citizens of this peninsula appreciate and understand what this district has accomplished during the past 25 years," including the preservation of thousands of acres of open space and the fight to prevent construction of the Hatton Canyon freeway.

Tate said the Grand Jury report is "an attempt to come after me personally and discredit me." He was astonished to read the report, he said, because the jury never even asked him about the allegations of wrongdoing. "I was never given an opportunity to refute the charges," Tate said. "I think there's something wrong with a system that allows these unsubstantiated allegations to be made public without any supporting documentation. It's un-American."

Tate accused the Grand Jury foreman, Robert Quinn, of "orchestrating a hatchet job against me and the entire park district."

Who are the jurors?

Quinn said Tate's accusation is an insult to the 19 people who devoted a year of their time to serve on the Grand Jury.

"It's not possible to 'stack' the Grand Jury or push any one member's agenda," Quinn said. He explained that applicants who wish to sit on the jury are interviewed and narrowed down to a list of 30 by the Presiding Judge (currently John Phillips), Court Administrator Sherri Pedersen and her deputy, Patricia Ryan. Finally, 19 jurors are chosen from that pool of 30 in a blind, random, "lottery" supervised by the Presiding Judge in an open session of court.

The jurors' job is to investigate citizens' complaints about the government. They call witnesses, gather evidence and are sworn to forever keep secret what the "whistleblowers" tell them in the secret hearings. "Can you imagine what would happen to government employees who gave us information about their bosses without guaranteed confidentiality?" Quinn said.

The Grand Jury's report of each investigation must be approved by a "super majority" of the jurors— at least 12 people — or the report is not published. Quinn says it is ridiculous to charge that a dozen Grand Jurors had some pre-conceived desire to destroy the park district.

"We had several retired military officers, two certified public accounts, a Standard Oil executive, a banker, a lawyer, two homemakers, a computer expert from I.B.M., a gentleman working on his master's degree — a wide variety of people," said Quinn, who has served on the Coastal Commission, as mayor of Pacific Grove, on the Monterey County Board of Education and on the Fair Board.

Allegations of wrongdoing

The complete text of the Grand Jury report on the MPRPD appears in this newspaper, beginning on page 15A.

Tate called the charges "a disgrace . . . without any foundation whatever" except what he called "The Great Garbage Scandal of 1996," where he admitted bringing his personal trash from home and throwing it in the Dumpster at the park district offices in Garland Park. "A complaint was made. It went to the board. They talked to me about it and I stopped," Tate said, calling the transgression an error in judgment.

As for the charges of fiscal mismanagement, Tate says they are completely without merit:

■ Using a MPRPD credit card to purchase personal items, and to charge lunches and dinners at restaurants inside the district. "Written policy states that only meals taken while on MPRPD business outside the district may be charged with a MPRPD credit card," according to the Grand Jury.

Tate said he charged personal items only three or four times over the past 10 years, and only in emergencies when his own credit card didn't work. "I immediately, within a week, reported each expense and covered it with a check," he said.

As for the meals, Tate calls the accusation "completely bogus. The written policy says meals may be charged at the discretion of the manager. I was the manager. If I wanted to use it to take someone out to lunch, or buy my own dinner, it was completely up to me." He said the charge accounts were always available for review by the park district board.

■ Several witnesses told the Grand Jury that Tate spent about half his work time — while on the payroll of the MPRPD — leading the fight against construction of the Hatton Canyon freeway. He was then, and still is, head of the anti-freeway Hatton Canyon Coalition.

Tate says he spent only a fraction of that time on official Coalition business, maybe one hour a week over the past four years. But he is proud to admit that he spent "hundreds of hours" on litigation and other work to defeat plans for the freeway and turn Hatton Canyon into a park.

Zad Leavy, a member of the MPRPD board of directors, said Tate was authorized to fight the freeway while on the park district payroll. "You have to remember that the board, eight years ago, heard from the public that Hatton Canyon should be a park, not a freeway. We instructed Gary Tate to go out there and implement the decision of the board."

■ The Grand Jury says the MPRPD wasted public money filing improper lawsuits against private citizens, against the advice of the Monterey County Counsel. The most controversial case it cited was the lawsuit the park district filed in 1994 to stop construction of a single-family home on an ocean-front lot in the Otter Cove subdivision, owned by Steve and Wendie Ryter. Tax money paid for both the park district lawyers and those retained by the county and the state to defend the permits they issued, an amount estimated at well over $100,000. The litigation also cost the Ryters more than $300,000 in legal bills, plus another $300,000 in interest and property taxes during the two-year delay.

"It was very offensive to me, who paid my fair share of taxes, to have those revenues applied against me as a private citizen," Ryter told The Pine Cone. "Even after the Coastal Commission, the county and then the [Superior] court ruled that our permit was proper, the park district took it to the Court of Appeal!" The lot in question was not near any park district property. The park district lost the appeal.

Ryter was in the process of donating an adjacent parcel to the Big Sur Land Trust, he said, but was so offended by the park district lawsuit that he changed his mind and ended all discussion of a donation.

"I agree with the Grand Jury. The park district is a self-perpetuating oligarchy, which thrives because the public doesn't know what they are doing. They make significant decisions about land procurement and litigation — all done in secret, closed session. We could never even find out what they spent on this particular witch hunt.

"You hear about their wonderful achievements of preserving open space, but nobody hears about the people who are destroyed along the way," Ryter concluded.

Tate makes no apology about the lawsuits. "In hindsight, I would file it again, absolutely," he said. "I've always admitted that we've been tenacious, aggressive, focused. It was all for the public purpose and benefit."

■ The Grand Jurors concluded that the MPRPD wasted more tax money in 1998 by buying 34 acres in Hatton Canyon from a private homeowners group — land that was already designated as open space. Caltrans is also trying to buy five acres of that land for the proposed freeway.

"The sale of this property from the homeowners' association to the MPRPD simply transfers the costs, expenses, and liabilities associated with the property from a small group of 48 homeowners to the entire District and all of the MPRPD's taxpayers," said the Grand Jury report.

The private owners of the property were unwilling to spend their own money to fight Caltrans, sources say. The park district stepped in and bought the property so that its ample supply of tax revenue would be available to battle Caltrans in court. The Grand Jury objected to the park district's strategy. "Whenever the MPRPD expends funds to acquire questionable property . . . the motives of the park district and its Board of Directors will be suspect, and public confidence in the process and the district will be undermined," the report says.

Tate sees the issue far differently. "I'm proud to say that I orchestrated this whole acquisition," he told The Pine Cone. "I also spent hundreds of hours working on a coastal plan amendment for the Hatton Canyon. I am so proud that we are well on our way to making Hatton Canyon a park. It was a top priority. It was exactly what I was supposed to be doing."

■ Another key objection of the Grand Jury goes to the heart of a strategy used by the park district to discourage development. The jurors said that the district "orchestrated a seemingly endless array of environmental, processing and technical stumbling blocks for land owners and developers for the purposes of stopping development." By demanding "multiple and costly studies in sequence," the park district creates "never-ending study sessions without closure, so that a landowner or developer may be worn down eventually or forced into insolvency," the Grand Jury said.

■ *See 15 A for the complete text of the Grand Jury report.*

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Editorial

The demise of Crazy Shirts

AS HISTORIC events go, last week's closing of a t-shirt shop on Ocean Avenue may not seem like much.

Junipero Serra wasn't around to give his blessing to the shuttering of Crazy Shirts after a six-year run in the heart of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

Robinson Jeffers wrote no poetry to mark the occasion, and nobody has yet composed a verse for the Abalone Song to memorialize it.

But perhaps our muses should get busy because, in the never-ending battle to preserve Carmel's "village character," the demise of an outlet for run-of-the-mill souvenirs on the town's main street is something that should be heralded in verse and song throughout the tiny but essential land of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

One national magazine, in analyzing the current state of American culture, this week called 1998 the "worst year ever" — mainly referring, of course, to the disgusting events that paralyzed Washington from January to December.

But the magazine also heartily decried the continued march of bland sameness across the land. If America is the pinnacle of diversity, why does every single town have to have the same fast food outlets, the same mega-stores and the same hotels, not to mention identical hardware outlets, coffee shops and bookstores?

Take a 100-mile drive almost anywhere in California and chances are you'll feel like you haven't moved.

The Monterey Peninsula got a healthy dose of urban conformity this year with the opening of six or seven huge chain stores next to Highway 1.

But Carmel has always struggled to buck national trends of sameness.

"Don't pave main street," was the cry in the 1920s. And in the 1990s it was "stop the tacky t-shirts."

That battle is far from won. Stores open solely to meet the desires of the buying public and many visitors to Carmel are the same people who feel most comfortable if a MacDonald's is available for lunch and a t-shirt emblazoned with "Carmel-by-the-Sea" can be tucked into their suitcase to impress their friends at home

They come to Carmel in their multitudes because it isn't the same as every place else, but they are blissfully unaware of the hard work and dedication that is required to keep it that way.

Thanks to a diligent city council, an enlightened landlord and a small group of dedicated businessmen, on the last day of 1998 a major victory was scored.

Crazy Shirts is a respectable company, with successful stores in Las Vegas, Hawaii and Florida.

But their brightly-lit presence in Carmel was a big step in the wrong direction for this town.

We wish Crazy Shirts fame, fortune and happiness wherever they do business in the future. But we're glad their sign no longer hangs in the middle of precious, unique and fragile Carmel.

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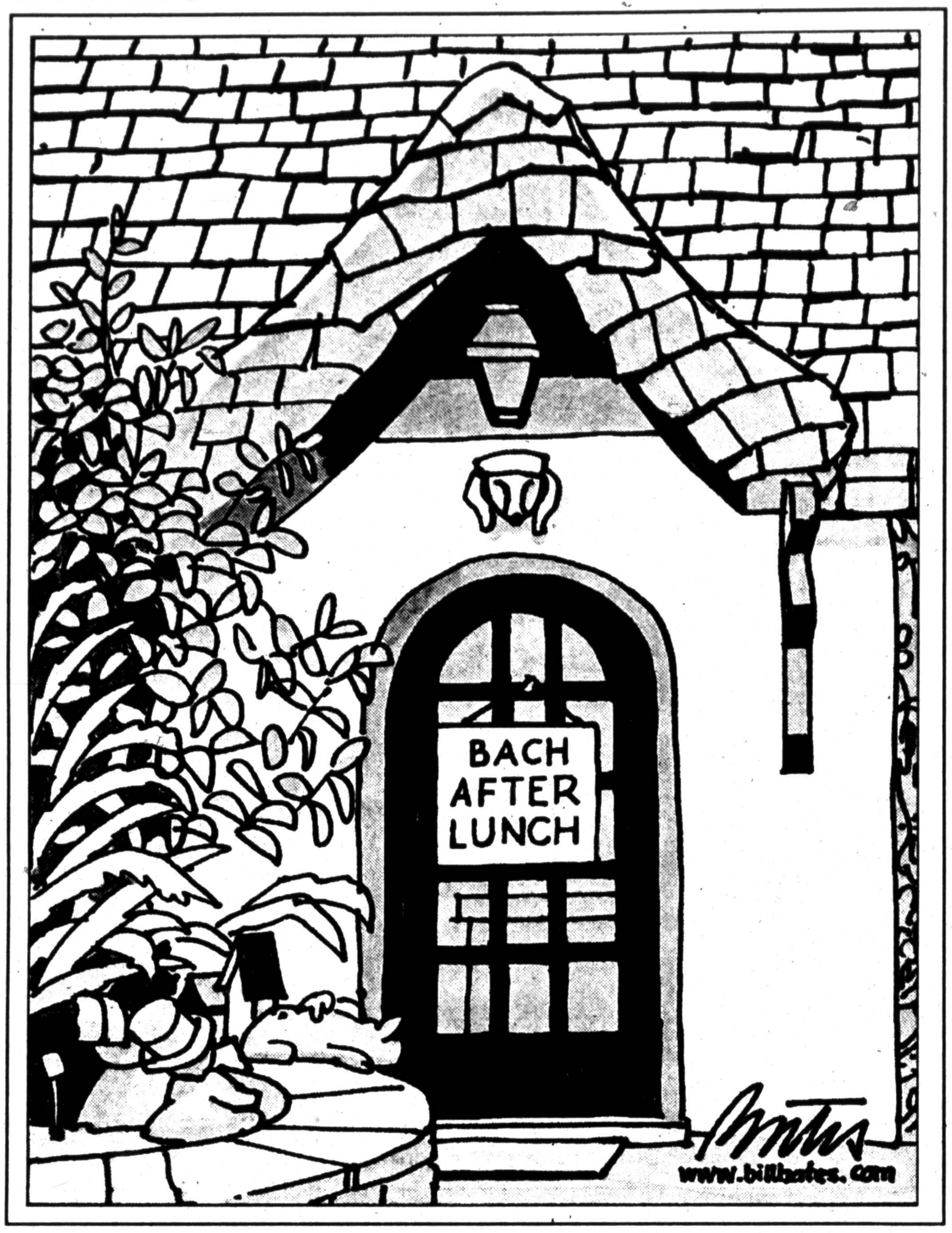

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Freeway tolls could pay for environmental programs

Dear Editor,

As best I can tell, those in favor of the Hatton Canyon freeway are convinced that it will improve the quality of their life by reducing the time it takes them to get from point A to point B.

On the other hand, those opposed to the freeway claim that it will do irreparable damage to the environment in and around the canyon.

To both groups I would like to offer a solution. Build the road . . . and put tollbooths at each end. Charge 25 cents for cars and 50 cents for trucks to travel in either direction.

If those in favor of the road believe that we truly have a severe traffic problem, and that the only solution is a new road, then why should they have a problem paying a small toll each time they travel this road?

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In return, those opposed to the new road should be willing to drop their opposition as long as we take all the money collected as tolls and put it into programs designed to improve our local environment.

In this case it may be better in the long run to build the road now, and then return the tolls that are collected each year for the next twenty years (or more) into a variety of environmentally-friendly programs that can benefit not only Hatton Canyon but all of Carmel.

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Grand Jury report: Disband Regional Park District

COMPLETE TEXT

Editor's note: This week, the Monterey County Grand Jury released its 1998 report, which came after a year-long investigation by the 19-member panel. What follows is the complete text of the Grand Jury's report on the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District.

SUMMARY

In response to several citizen complaints, the 1998 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury conducted an investigation into the activities of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD). This investigation exposed multiple irregularities and questionable practices on the part of the management of MPRPD including: fiscal mismanagement, improper use of public funds, inappropriate support of non-public political groups, unwarranted pursuit of litigation at great expense to the taxpaying public, and lack of adequate oversight by the Board of Directors. The Grand Jury recommends that the MPRPD be dissolved and its assets and operations be merged with those of the Monterey County Parks Department.

INTRODUCTION

The MPRPD is a Special District created through a ballot measure which was passed in November of 1972. The primary objective of the MPRPD is to acquire and maintain park land and open space within MPRPD boundaries (map. The operations of MPRPD are administered by a General Manager with oversight by a five-member Board of Directors, each elected to represent one of the five electoral districts within the MPRPD. The operating budget for Fiscal-Year 1997-98 was approximately $1,850,000 of which $1,362,000 was derived directly from property taxes.

The investigation focused on issues raised by written complaints received by the Grand Jury:

1. Were MPRPD funds used illegally or inappropriately to further goals of non-public political organizations?

2. Were MPRPD employees and/or Board Members engaged in practices which involved conflicts of interest?

3. Did MPRPD management employees use MPRPD funds and/or credit cards or District facilities for personal purposes?

4. Did MPRPD management personnel violate MPRPD policy with regard to per-diem and expense-account practices?

5. Did the MPRPD engage in litigation against individual property owners which constituted an improper or inappropriate use of public funds?

6. Did the MPRPD Board of Directors provide sufficient oversight in the expenditures of public funds by MPRPD employees?

7. Did any MPRPD management employee(s) engage in non-MPRPD activities during regular working hours and while on the MPRPD payroll? If so, to what extent?

8. Has the MPRPD Board acted in a manner consistent with its role as a limited-purpose, special district that acquires and manages parks and open-space properties for the benefit of the residents of the Park District and the general public?

INVESTIGATION

The Grand Jury obtained information for this investigation by conducting extensive interviews with MPRPD Board Members, MPRPD employees, complainants, and concerned citizens, as well as representatives of the Hatton Canyon Coalition (HCC) and Big Sur Land Trust (BSLT). The Jury also conducted a detailed review of MPRPD ledgers, warrants, cash accounts, credit-card receipts, expense-account records, and billings for legal fees, in addition to reviewing budgets and financial reports. These reviews were conducted at the MPRPD office at Garland Park and at the County Auditor-Controller's office in Salinas.

FINDINGS

1. MPRPD resources were used to support efforts of the HCC in its campaign against the construction of the Hatton Canyon Parkway. MPRPD personnel were used to distribute literature favorable to the HCC position while such MPRPD personnel were on MPRPD time and were being paid with MPRPD funds. The Grand Jury received testimony from several witnesses that the former MPRPD General Manager devoted approximately half of his work time to HCC affairs while on the MPRPD payroll during the year and a half prior to his departure from employment by MPRPD. Having retired from the Park District, he now serves full time as head of the HCC. The MPRPD also expended at least $28,000 of MPRPD funds through April 1998 on litigation to oppose Caltrans over the Hatton

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Canyon Parkway.

2. No evidence was discovered that indicated that any MPRPD Board Member engaged in any activity which met the legal definition of conflict of interest under California law. However, one MPRPD Board Member is a former BSLT Board Member, the current BSLT Executive Director and legal counsel. This gives rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest.

3. The MPRPD General Manager used a MPRPD credit card (issued to him specifically for charging MPRPD expenses only) to charge the purchase of personal items. This was a violation of MPRPD policy, even though it appears that the General Manager has reimbursed the MPRPD for all of these personal charges. Additionally, the General Manager brought his personal trash from home and deposited it in a MPRPD trash bin at Garland Park, thereby shifting the expense of disposal of his trash to the District.

4. On numerous occasions over many years, the MPRPD General Manager routinely used the MPRPD credit card to charge lunches and dinners eaten at restaurants within the District, even though MPRPD written policy states that only meals taken while on MPRPD business outside of the MPRPD may be charged with a MPRPD credit card.

5. On several occasions, the MPRPD engaged in litigation against individual property owners. In one instance, the MPRPD was party to lawsuits and two appeals which the MPRPD's lawyer admitted that the MPRPD had little chance of winning. This action by the MPRPD resulted in lawsuits against the property owners (who had received all necessary governmental approvals to build a home on property which they owned) and against the Monterey County Board of Supervisors (BOS). As a result, costs to the property owners to defend themselves were in excess of $300,000 in legal fees, unknown total costs to the County of Monterey, and in excess of $100,000 legal fees to the Park District and its co-plaintiffs.

This action was undertaken despite being admonished by the BOS and County Counsel that "your District's decision to litigate the County's and the Coastal Commission's approval of the use permit ... is without legal authority and constitutes an *ultra vires* act. Furthermore, certain provisions of the Public Resources Code would appear to preclude the expenditure of District tax revenue for litigation of this sort .... Simply stated, your District's expenditures in the pursuit of this litigation constitutes an improper and inappropriate use of public funds .... The decision of the county in approving the application for a single family dwelling did not affect any District property or interest .... The fact that your District is pursuing a further appeal — after the Superior Court in San Francisco had agreed with both the County's and the Coastal Commission's decision — makes the District's action ... even more egregious" (letter dated June 23, 1995, from County Counsel to President of MPRPD Board of Directors). In fact, the MPRPD lost both the case and its two appeals. In addition, because of the MPRPD's action against these property owners, the property owners withdrew from discussions with the BSLT to donate coastal property to the BSLT for public benefit.

6. The MPRPD Board of Directors did not provide sufficient oversight of the MPRPD General Manager with regard either to his use of the MPRPD credit card for personal charges or meal expenses or to his use of District-paid time. Each of three MPRPD Board Members who were interviewed by the Grand Jury agreed that these were improper actions by the General Manager; however, they claimed that closer oversight of the MPRPD General Manager's activities would constitute "micro-management."

7. The MPRPD General Manager maintained records about legal expenses and litigation costs in a locked file cabinet in his private office and forbade access to that file by any other MPRPD employee. Further, he restricted to himself the opening of all mail; and he withheld all correspondence and billings related to some litigation and legal expenses. Personnel who prepared warrants to pay bills were given handwritten instructions only on scratch paper or post-it

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By Myles Williams

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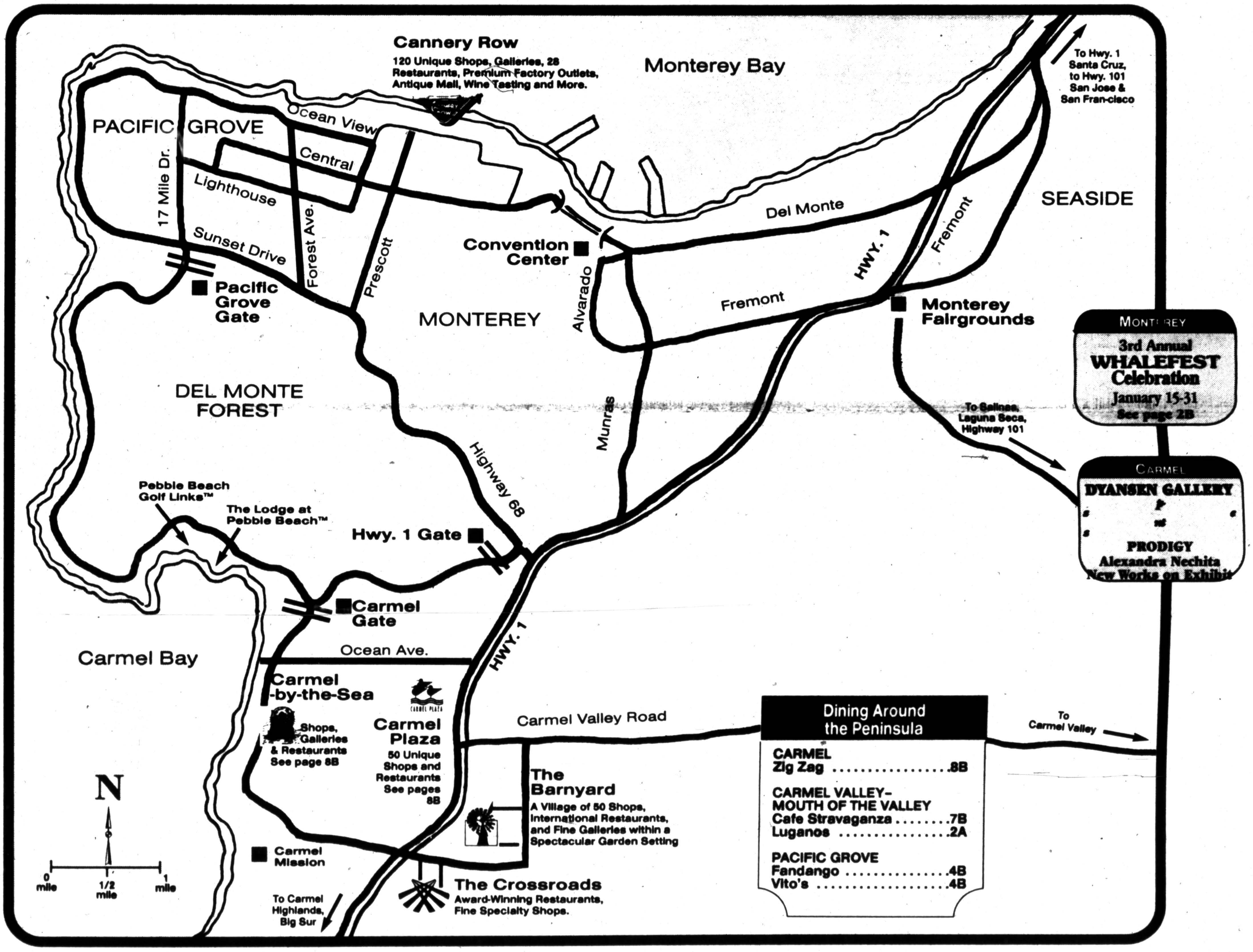
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❖ *Bach Festival presents cellist Raphael Wallfisch*

CELLIST Raphael Wallfisch will bring to life "Bravissima," the winter series of the Carmel Bach Festival, in a recital Wednesday, Jan. 13. His performance begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Church in the Forest, Robert Louis Stevenson School, Pebble Beach.

Raphael Wallfisch

The cellist is husband of the Carmel Bach Festival concertmaster, Elizabeth Wallfisch, and a professor of cello at London's Guildhall School of Music and Drama. He is also professor at the Winterthur Konseravtorium, Switzerland. Raphael Wallfisch has recorded more than 30 CDs, including the complete Vivaldi cello concertos. The artist's mother, Anita Lasker-Wallfisch, was the cellist who was commanded to play in the Auschwitz camp orchestra. Tickets to Wednesday's recital are $25. For additional information, contact the Carmel Bach Festival at 624-1521.

❖ *Vladimir Feltsman escaped Soviet persecution*

PIANIST Vladimir Feltsman opens the new year for the Carmel Music Society in a program of works by Bach, Mozart and Schumann. His performance will begin at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11 in Sunset Theater, San Carlos at Ninth, Carmel.

In the early 1980s the Soviet authorities responded to Feltsman's application to emigrate with a ban on his public performances. His records were removed from store shelves and no longer played on the radio during eight years of persecution by the Soviets. In 1987, with the support of political pressure from then President Ronald Reagan, Feltsman was granted permission to leave the Soviet Union.

Vladimir Feltsman

Born in Moscow in 1952, Feltsman made his public debut at 12 as soloist with the Moscow Philharmonic. His first-prize victory in the 1967 Concertina International Competition led to enrollment in the Moscow Conservatory, and four years later he won the Marguerite Long Competition.

Ticket prices are $40, $30 and $15. Call 625-9938 for ticket information.

AKAONI SERVES WIDE SPECTRUM OF JAPANESE SPECIALTIES

By MORGAN

SHINICHI YAMADA loves Carmel-by-the-Sea so much, he returned to buy and open his own restaurant — after more than four years' absence — in exactly the same location where he had worked for six years in the much-liked Hamaichi restaurant. When Hamaichi closed, Yamada moved to San Jose.

Now back in his town of choice, Yamada is the sole owner and sushi chef of Akaoni (The Red Mask) Japanese restaurant, open now for four months.

Because of the city's ordinance forbidding sidewalk menu display cases (except those restaurants "grandfathered in"), Akaoni's menu is hidden from street level view down a flight of stairs on the west side of Dolores Street near the corner of Fifth Avenue. The sign displaying the menu and hours the restaurant is open can be found at the bottom of the stairs by the entrance.

To those in the know, when Yamada hangs out the beautiful, elongated white paper Japanese lantern at the top of the stairs, it's a sign the restaurant is open. Curiously, a blue and white Japanese teapot is suspended from the lantern, and more curious still, the name of the restaurant appears on the lantern only in handsome black brushed Japanese characters. No sign in English is in sight. All very cryptic and mysterious — and oh, so enticing!

The interior of the restaurant is handsome, with two separate dining rooms furnished with Western-height tables and chairs — one with a sushi bar — and several shoji-screened, tatami-matted private rooms with low tables — all very tasteful and welcoming.

Sushi and conversation

Yamada is a skilled sushi chef, and Monday evening when we were dining there — observing from a Western-height table — he carried on an entertaining conversation in Japanese with the sushi-eaters at the eight-chair sushi bar while preparing their orders.

Lin Akira is the kitchen chef who turns out excellent and nicely presented meals from the extensive dinner menu which offers seven sashimi dishes — raw fish cut into decorative shapes and served with a variety of sauces; 10 tempura items; eight yakimono dishes — grilled, broiled or fried skewered meat, fowl or fish which have been marinated or salted; and four steamed dishes.

Entrées come with steamed rice, miso soup and a fresh salad. The entrée selection includes beef, chicken or salmon teriyaki, chicken, pork or salmon cutlets, skewered beef and vegetables, or assorted shrimp tempura, and range from $9.90 to $11.80; three vegetarian dinners at $11.80 each; children's dinners for $8.20; combination dinners (each with a choice of two entrées) for $11.80; and the daily special Akaoni dinner for $25.

We started with an appetizer of pork and onion tempura on skewers ($3.80). The pork was so tender it scarcely needed chewing, and the onions were sweet and a perfect accompaniment. Two skewers, each with two lightly breaded pork pieces and one breaded onion piece made up this very satisfying appetizer served with a small mound of wasabi and a sweet, dark dipping sauce. Yamada told us later that the sauce was composed of 10 ingredients. It tasted pleasingly of plums.

A warm house saki ($2.50) went well with this appetizer and carried over into our entrée of very tender beef teriyaki ($11.40), grilled, sauced and served with julienned carrots and onions sautéed with Napa cabbage. A bowl of white steamed rice accompanied this dish. Our main course was preceded by an excellent miso soup and a fresh

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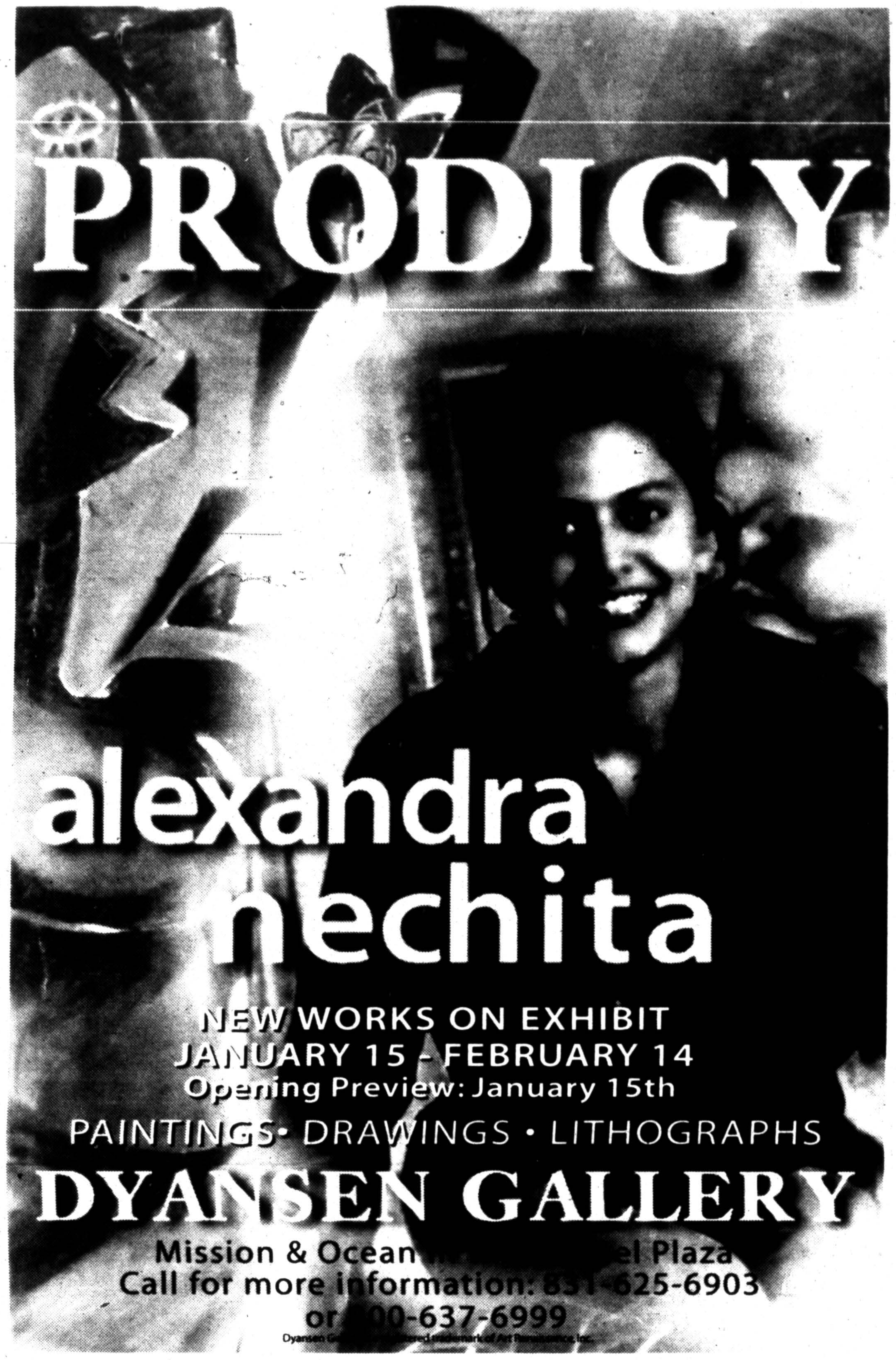
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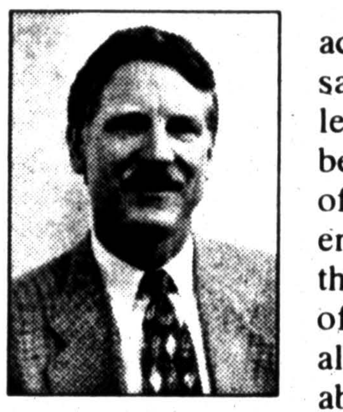
Mark Blum

Blum, in the preface to **"Bugs in 3-D,"** says, "Through the lenses, you will pass beyond the boundaries of the printed page to enter the alien world of the insect." And some of them are *really* alien. Viewing remarkable insects in depth and detail beyond human vision is an experience you will not soon forget.

All of the informative text and most of the 44 photographs in the book are by Blum, but there are other photos by Ryan Blum, A. A. Pennings and Hugo de Wijs.

A garage sale find

Just how did Blum become interested in 3-D photography? He says when he was a youngster, his stereo photographer dad told him there was a stereo camera among the bric-a-brac at a garage sale next door. Blum bought it, and from that time on has been devoted to 3-D camera work.

Already a photographer and "being a naturalist at heart," Blum became a diver in 1978 and started taking underwater photos. "There are only two other underwater 3-D photographers in the U.S. that I know about," he told us, "but nobody has really taken underwater photos as I have: I photograph the tiniest macro subjects up to wide-angle larger subjects. Because stereo cameras are limited in distance to only seven feet away, I bring the camera closer into the subject."

This technique, in photographing insects for "Bugs in 3-D," allows the viewer (using the stereoscope) to really see every aspect of the bug: The Damselfly resembles a cartoon character; the Clemence's Blue butterfly, with its pert nose, big eyes, and fluffy body, looks as if it had been created at the Disney Studios; the aptly-named Dragon-headed Katydid is humorously grotesque; and with all due respect, a grasshopper's face looks downright goofy. The Painted Lady butterfly is baroquely splendid and the Drone fly is almost adorable in its large-eyed, fuzzy way, pollen spattered across its face and forelegs like a toddler caught pilfering confectioners' sugar.

Assignments abroad

As well as the three Chronicle books, Blum produced photographs for Somerville House Books' **"Coral Reefs"** and has done images for three different reel sets for View Master: **"Creatures of the Deep," "Rain Forest Creatures"** and **"Bugs."** He also works as a stock photographer and goes on assignment around the globe. Recently, Blum did a shoot for a group that produced a multi-media show for the 1998 World's Fair in Lisbon, Portugal.

Still in awe of nature and the capabilities of his 3-D camera, Blum says, "I never know what an insect or sea creature is going to look like close-up until I see it on my film."

By Margot Petit Nichols

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1999: A chance to make and then break those resolutions

Dear Sissi:

Hope you're having a grand time on the slopes — or wherever you and your luggage may have ended up in Europe.

Back here, we're on Week Two of writing your column and so far, so good. We've reported the comings and goings of peninsula people (whether they liked it or not), and there hasn't been even the hint of a libel suit —yet. But then, there hasn't been the hint of a Pulitzer Prize, either. So, on we go . . .

Letter to Sissi

By Flo Snyder

■ Red Cross unveils time capsule

Nurses' uniforms, chapter pins, scrapbooks and proclamations were all part of the Monterey County chapter's Red Cross Centennial Time Capsule unveiled on Dec. 29. Crown piece of the exhibit is a blue leather binder containing neatly recorded minutes of 1898 meetings handwritten by a **Miss Lou Henry**, later known to the world as First Lady **Mrs. Herbert Hoover**. Carmel Red Cross board of directors chairman **Peggy Mauze** expressed delight that an old Carmel chapter pin is part of the collection, which may be viewed at the Thomas Kinkade National Archive in Monterey.

■ PacRep buffs rock the Bough

It was obvious they weren't professionals but that didn't stop celebrants from dancing up a storm on the historic Golden Bough stage at PacRep's New Year's Eve party. Following the performance of "Forever Plaid," guests and the real entertainers mixed it up during the buffet and dancing to musical hits from the '50s and '60s. Greeters **Stephen Moorer** and **Deb-by Alexander** welcomed **Sherrie McCullough** (looking smashing all in red) and husband **Tom,** along with a happy crowd of supporters, volunteers and guests. Among those rocking the Bough — or trying to — were **Nancy** and **Bill Doolittle**, **Allene** and **Roger Fremier**, **Dr. Joe Noto** (he heads a family dynasty of dentists) with **Terry McNevin, Creston** and **Elise Shields** and **Kay Barber**.

PHOTOS/DONNA JETT

In oval frame, left, 'Forever Plaid' player John Daniel cozies up to Dr. Joe Noto. Above, Roger Fremier, left, joins Nancy and Bill Doolittle and PacRep founder Stephen Moorer at the New Year's Eve bash at Carmel's Golden Bough Theatre.

■ Locals' wish list for 1999

(Note to Sissi: In the waning hours of 1998, my super snoops ***Fleece Dennis*** *and* ***Donna Jett*** *were getting restless. Seems public events and the social calendar tend to slow down this time of the year, and the snoops needed a fix — badly. Voila! They hit upon the idea of cornering a few local leaders and make them 'fess up to what each one's Wish List for 1999 would include. I agreed, and off we went, barging into City Hall, the Golden Bough, local restaurants, galleries and anywhere a moving body presented a possible live interview. Here, in no particular order of priority OR propriety, are some of the results . . .)*

In Mayor **Ken White's** message to the faithful, he preached what he practices in his daily routine. Said Hizzoner: "I hope every resident on a daily basis will do something to make Carmel a better place than it already is. When we pick up papers and volunteer to help others, we learn how important such deeds are in preserving this very special place we live in."

Well done, your Honor.

But not so well done was our ailing Congressman **Sam Farr,** who's temporarily down but far from out. No way that a broken ankle, a burned-out apartment in Washington, a presidential impeachment and two Speakers' resignations could dampen his outlook for 1999 and beyond. Rather, said he, "I look for a Renaissance as the new millennium approaches. We cannot lose sight of the fact that we have a beautiful land and a rich diverse culture that nourishes it. My hope is that the good things we've created in the peninsula can be emulated throughout the country."

That's pretty good thinking, Sam . . .

Local vocal **Norma Jean Hodges**, who for many years sang for far more than her supper, has a Wish List that bodes well for young people needing financial assistance to pursue their talents in the performing arts. Her specific wish is that all gifted kids on the peninsula will be helped and encouraged through the efforts of a new nonprofit support group she co-founded, Colleagues of the Arts, made up of 18 women in the area who are active in or connected to the local arts scene.

Sing on, Norma Jean, that's a great aria . . .

And while Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tempore **Barbara Livingston** doesn't sing for her supper, the thoughts and hopes expressed in her Wish List were music to our ears: "Carmel," she said, "is a treasure that we have been given in trust. It is our legacy to protect and preserve that trust for future generations. They, too, are entitled to experience the qualities of life that earned Carmel its worldwide reputation . . . strolling in the filtered light of the upper canopy forest . . . throwing sticks for our dogs on the undeveloped beach . . . driving around trees growing in the middle of narrow winding streets . . . walking in the footsteps of the padres in Mission Trails Park . . . and appreciating the unique architecture of our downtown shops and stores."

Thank you, Barbara!

Restaurateur and Carmel Business Association President **Csaba Ajan** didn't hesitate for a moment in revealing his Wish List. This super patriot and community booster was clear: "I want to see garbage cans empty, sidewalks clean, streets neatly swept — and a town full of nice people."

You got it, Csaba.

Back at City Hall, the Council's **Sue McCloud** thinks BIG. But what would you expect from a former CIA officer whose career service encompassed most of the globe? Says she, with unbridled optimism, "I'd like to win the biggest Super Lotto ever to ensure funding for our city's needs, ranging from the Sunset Theater project to undergrounding utilities and the rebuilding of our forests, while ensuring competitive salaries and benefits for our talented city staff.'"

Sue, your list exhausted us, but here's hoping a blizzard of Super Lotto tickets comes your way AND one of them is the winner.

Speaking of winners, that's what we the people of Carmel are for having the good sense to live within the range of the Carmel Library Foundation's **Bob** and **Lacy Buck**. Together, they continue to bring us superb programs throughout the year, and 1999 won't be any different. Among items on their Wish List, the couple asked for and received commitments from two outstanding personalities for lectures that will be free to the public. Carmel Valley's delightful **Buzz Schulte** will describe his early times and boyhood there, and famed pho-

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Thanks, Bob. Thanks, Lacy. We love the things you do.

A Carmel resident since 1939, **Hans Lehmann** who is also a professional Santa Claus (he really is), had the most succinct Wish List. He seems a little skinny for the job but all this not-so-jolly-looking St. Nick wanted for 1999 was "Smaller houses and bigger dogs in Carmel."

OK . . .

Clearly, the most poignant entry of all in the 1999 Wish List roundup thus far has to be the one from our esteemed statesman **Leon Panetta**. His remarkable career in Congress and the White House neatly bypassed the current mess in Washington, but he was unequivocal: "My 1999 wish is that 1998 never happened! But since it did," he added philosophically, "I hope we can repair all the damage to the presidency and the country — and closer to home, that we're smart enough to do everything possible to preserve the quality of life we are blessed with in Carmel."

Amen to that, Leon.

(Note to Sissi: You're not going to believe this, but we had so many entries for our 1999 Wish List quotes that we're going to continue them in next week's column. We'll be hearing from The Three Grocers — no, they don't sing but they have a lot to say — and other known and not-so-well-known folks about town. That's all for now . . . Ta ta.)

Irish band Altan appears

"Uncompromising, undiluted" are typical of the adjectives applied to Altan. This pre-eminent Irish band is the Saturday, Jan. 9 offering of Performance Carmel at Sunset Theater.

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Sat. Jan. 9

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Don Pender Quartet

Sat. Jan. 16

Don Pender is a musician who plays jazz masterfully on all saxophones, flute, clarinet, not to mention piano and vibes. Currently based in San Francisco, Pender has been in the business over 30 years, and has played with Freddie Hubbard, Bobby Hutcherson, Max Roach, Lionel Hampton, and many other jazz greats in many different locations world-wide. In addition to performing, Pender started a jazz education program for young adults, designed the Storyville Jazz Club in San Francisco, and brings in jazz talent to it and another venue in city. His most current CD, *Zipperman*, is available on Pender's Sandon Records label.

Jessica Williams

Sat. Jan. 23

Jessica Williams is an incredible pianist that you do not want to miss. This solo performance comes after her trio provided an exceptional evening of music here in September, right before her appearance at the Monterey Jazz Festival. Dave Brubeck has call Williams the "best improvising pianist playing today." Her most recent solo recording is entitled *Joyful Sorrow* on the Blackhawk label, which is a tribute to Bill Evans recorded at The Jazz Store. And her trio's new CD, *Jazz in The Afternoon*, is available on the Candid label.

Rebecca Parris Quartet

Fri. & Sat. Jan. 29-30

Rebecca Parris returns to The Jazz Store after her appearance here last May, when she left the audience wanting to hear more of her fabulous voice. Her concerts are memorable for the great selection of material, Parris' incredible range and vocal technique, and her wonderful sense of humor. She has toured with Count Basie, Woody Herman, and Joe Williams, and has performed at jazz festivals around the world. She will be performing a two-night engagement, so be sure not to miss a great show!

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AKAONI . . .

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salad of thinly sliced tiny cucumbers, tomato and choice lettuce with a rice vinegar dressing.

Tea was served with the main course, and the best green tea ice cream we have ever had completed the meal. One of the pleasant features of Japanese cuisine is that one can come away from a large meal feeling light and satisfied. None of the food is heavy or cloying.

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When a menu is this extensive, it's difficult to do justice in our restricted space to the creativity and skill involved in envisioning and putting it into execution. We would prefer to select several items and describe them in detail rather than list headings and prices, but our intention is to give our readers an overall view so that they can venture into Akaoni knowing the variety of choices in store for them.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. To Whom It May Concern: The Name of the Applicant is **SALAMEH, ANTHONY M.** The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: MISSION BTW. OCEAN & SEVENTH W/S, CARMEL, CA 93921 for the following type of license: 47 ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE. Date of Filing Application: Dec. 22, 1998.

Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC101)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. To Whom It May Concern: The Name of the Applicant is **CARMEL VALLEY RESTAURANT GROUP LLC.** The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at: 3690 THE BARNYARD, CARMEL, CA 93923 for the following type of license: 47 ON-SALE GENERAL EATING PLACE. Date of Filing Application: Dec. 22, 1998.

Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC102)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982403. The following persons are doing business as **EXPO EVENT SERVICES**, 2224 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey, California 93940. WERMUTH & CAHOON MOVING & STORAGE COMPANY, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, 2224 Del Monte Avenue, Monterey, California 93940. This business is conducted by a corporation. (s) David C. Askew, President. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC103)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982399. The following persons are doing business as **PEZZINI GOURMET RETAIL OUTLET**, 102 Crossroads Blvd., Carmel, California 93923. FOSTER C. BUMPUS, JR., 25610 Via Crotalo, Carmel, California 93923. LEE R. TUCKER, 9565 Oak Court, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a limited partnership. (s) Foster Bumpus. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 15, 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC104)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982379. The following persons are doing business as **ISABELLA'S LAUNDERETTE**, 1219 Forest Avenue, No. C, Pacific Grove, California 93950. KACEY NAM, 1503 Sepulvida Drive, Salinas, CA 93906. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Kacey Nam. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 14, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 16, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC105)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982400. The following persons are doing business as **CARMEL TILE AND MARBLE COMPANY**, 26382 Carmel Rancho Lane, Carmel, CA 93923. KEVIN J. ROBINSON, 2879 Oak Knoll Rd., Pebble Beach, CA 93953. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Kevin J. Robinson, Double Bay Co., Inc. President. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 4, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 21, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC107)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982392. The following persons are doing business as **HEALTHY AGING MEDICINE INSTITUTE**, 25530 Rio Vista Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. GERALD A. WYKER, MD, CALIFORNIA, 25530 Rio Vista Drive, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by corporation. (s) Gerald A. Wyker, MD - Chairman. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Oct. 2, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 18, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 1999. (PC111)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982428. The following persons are doing business as **GOLD EAGLE ENTERPRISES**, 100 Dolores St., Suite 291, Carmel, CA 93923. HENRY W. KEHN, 100 Dolores St., Suite 291, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Henry W. Kehn, Jr. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 1, 1999. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 28, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 1999. (PC112)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982417. The following persons are doing business as **THE WECKER GROUP**, 462 Webster St., Suite 1, Monterey, CA 93940. ROBERT JOSEPH WECKER, 701 Madison St., Monterey, CA 93940. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Robert J. Wecker. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 1, 1987. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 23, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1999. (PC113)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. F982369. The following persons are doing business as **BILL BATES STUDIO**, P.O. Box 4227, Carmel, CA 93921. WILLIAM ROBERT BATES, 3850 Rio Rd. #45, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. (s) Bill Bates. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Dec. 15, 1998. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 15, 1998. Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, 1999. (PC114)

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**NOTICE OF SALE
OF REAL PROPERTY
AT PRIVATE SALE
Case No. MP14103**

Superior Court of California, County of Monterey.

Estate of RALPH SANDERS STOTSKY, also known as RALPH S. STOTSKY, RALPH STOTSKY, R.S. STOTSKY, and R. STOTSKY, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned will sell at private sale, to the highest and best bidder, subject to confirmation of said Superior Court, on or after January 29, 1999, at the office of THOMAS B. KRISTOVICH, Esquire, 3200 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 907, Los Angeles, CA 90010, all the right, title and interest of said Decedent at the time of death, and all the right, title and interest that the estate of said decedent has acquired by operation of law or otherwise, other than or in addition to that of said decedent, at the time of death, in and to all the certain real property situated in the County of Monterey, State of California, particularly described, as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot Numbered One (1) in Block Numbered Eight and one-half (8 1/2), as said Lot and Block are shown on that certain map entitled, ``Map of Addition No. 4 Carmel-By-The-Sea, Monterey County, Calif., Surveyed Sep. 1907 by H.B. Fisher, Surveyor and C.E.,`` filed for record March 6, 1908 in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Monterey, State of California, in Volume 1 of Maps, ``Cities and Towns,`` at page 46 1/2; running thence from said point of beginning, north along the east line of said Lot 1, 112.58 feet to the northeast corner thereof; thence S. 60 degrees 48' West, along the northerly line of said Lot (said northerly line being also the southeasterly line of the El Pescadero Rancho, as said last mentioned line is shown on the map hereinabove referred to) 105.0 feet to a point thereon; thence leaving said last mentioned northerly line and running in a southeasterly direction 65.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the south line of said Lot 1 from which the southeast corner of said Lot 1 bears East 71.0 feet distant; thence east along said south line, 71.0 feet to the point of beginning, being a portion of said Lot 1.

(Said property is more commonly known as Northwest Corner of 2nd and Lincoln, Carmel, California 93921)

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CN504391 STOTSKY Jan 8,15,22, 1999
Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC109)

**File No. F982344
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT**

The following person(s) is/are doing business as: PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE AND RELOCATION SOLUTIONS, 3333 Michelson Drive, Ste. 1000, Irvine, CA 92612

The Prudential Real Estate Affiliates, Inc., Delaware, 3333 Michelson Drive, Ste. 1000, Irvine, CA 92612

This business is conducted by a corporation

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 3, 1998.

SIGNED: THE PRUDENTIAL REAL ESTATE AFFILIATES, INC., By: Michael J. Petersen, Vice President

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on December 11, 1998.

NOTICE-This Fictitious Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the Office of the County Clerk. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed prior to that date. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 17900 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

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Carmel Pine Cone
CN491288 964254/005 Dec 25, 1998, Jan 1,8,15, 1999

Publication dates: Dec. 25, 1998, Jan. 1, 8, 15, 1999. (PC1215)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. # 98-12829-C YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 2/6/87. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/28/99 at 1:45 PM, LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN J. MELMET, INC., as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 2/17/87, as Instrument No.09879, in book 2062, page 595, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of MONTEREY County, State of California. Executed by: JAMES J. NEEDHAM, AN UNMARRIED MAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by a cashier's check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 to the Financial code and authorized to do business in this state) at AT THE ENTRANCE STEPS (FACING GABILAN STREET) TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 240 CHURCH STREET, SALINAS, CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: As More Fully Described in Said Deed of Trust. APN #197-091-045 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1 WAWONA ROAD CARMEL VALLEY, CA 93924 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $105,710.73 The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. Date: December 16, 1998 LAW OFFICES OF STEVEN J. MELMET, INC., AS TRUSTEE MICHELLE ENSLEY, Authorized Signature 2912 S. Daimler Street, Santa Ana, California 92705-5811 FOR SALES INFORMATION, PLEASE GO TO: www.calpost.com or call (626) 660-5932 C289105 1/8, 1/15, 1/22 1999

Publication dates: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 1999. (PC110)

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"ANGELSONG," an original production in which an angel, played by Jessica Glenn, takes a group of children into the Angel Zone, opens Saturday, Jan. 9 at The Wharf Theater in Monterey. Admission is $5 per seat, which helps support Angelsong Studio Theatre. Shows continue at 7 p.m. Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through Jan. 24.

For seat preference and reservations, call **375-3787.**

THE BOOKSHELF . . .

FROM PAGE 3B

Fi/Fantasy novelist **Neil Gaiman,** you'll probably want to check out the 7 p.m. free raffle of his latest book, **"Stardust,"** at Borders books in Sand City on Monday, Jan. 11. The book is a signed first edition. A limited quantity of the autographed books will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. Gaiman has won four Eisner Awards and a World Fantasy Award. For information, call 899-6643.

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"FRENCH TOAST" is the title of **Harriet Welty Rochefort**'s book, which she will be signing at 7 p.m. next Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard Shopping Village, Carmel. Rochefort, who has lived in France for a number of years, will talk about the book and her French connections. This event is free. For information, call 624-1803.

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POET **Lynn McMahon**'s reading, which was scheduled for tonight, Jan. 8 at Sunset Center, has been postponed until March, according to Elliot Roberts, who arranges the reading series for the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation. But next month, famed poet **Robert Bly** will be reading here from his various books on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. in Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center.

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THE MYSTERY BOOK GROUP meets at 6:30 p.m. next Tuesday, Jan. 12 in the Borders Books Cafe Espresso section to discuss **"The Mummer's Curse"** by **G. Roberts**. New members are always welcome. For info, call 899-6643.

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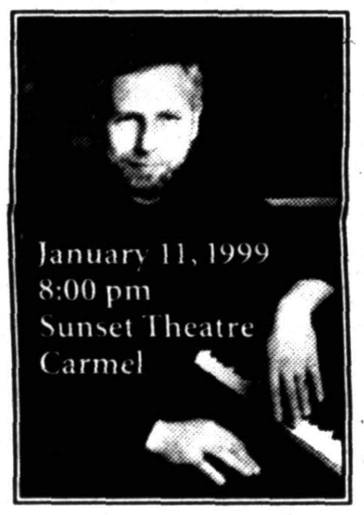
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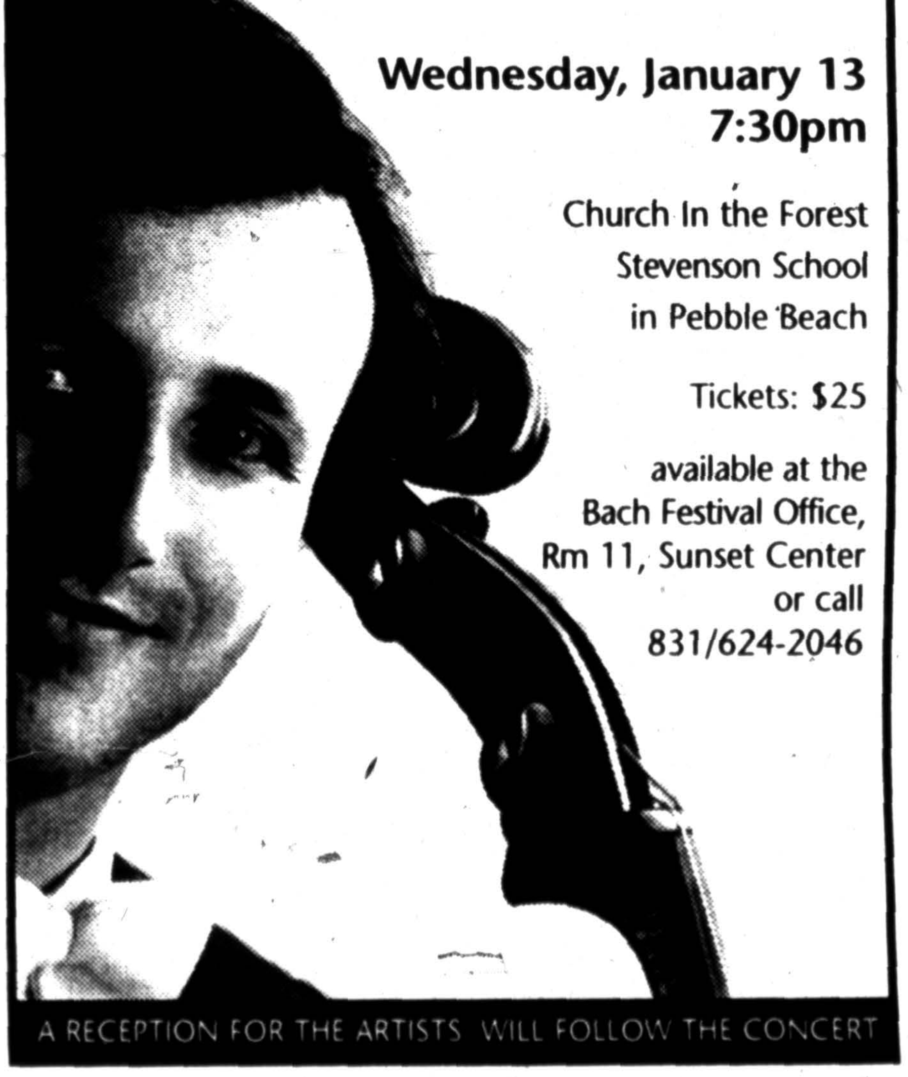
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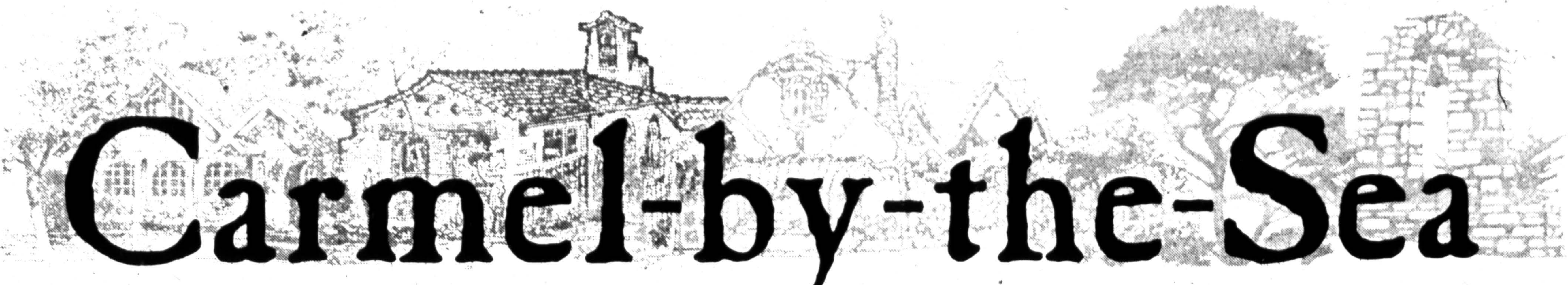

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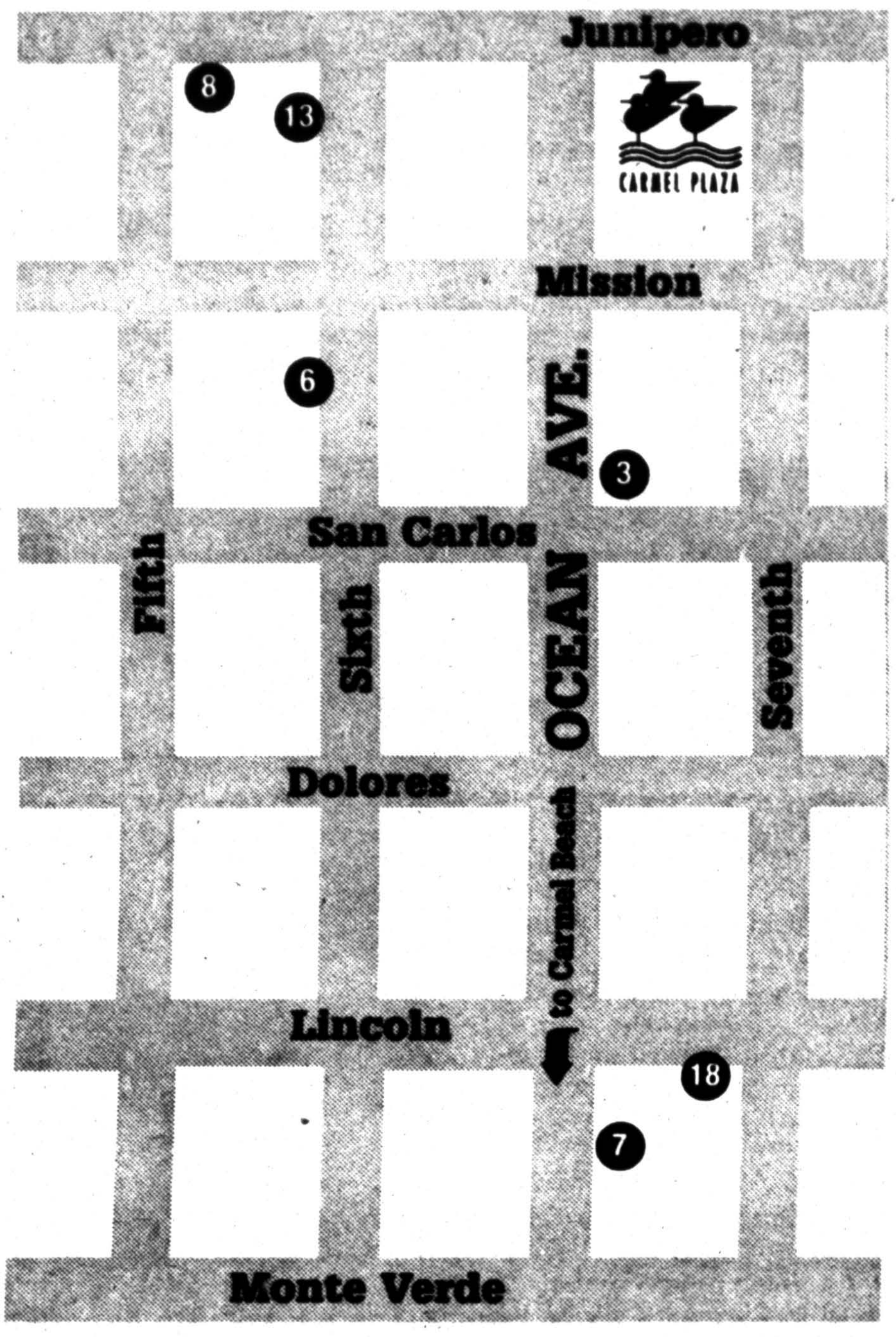

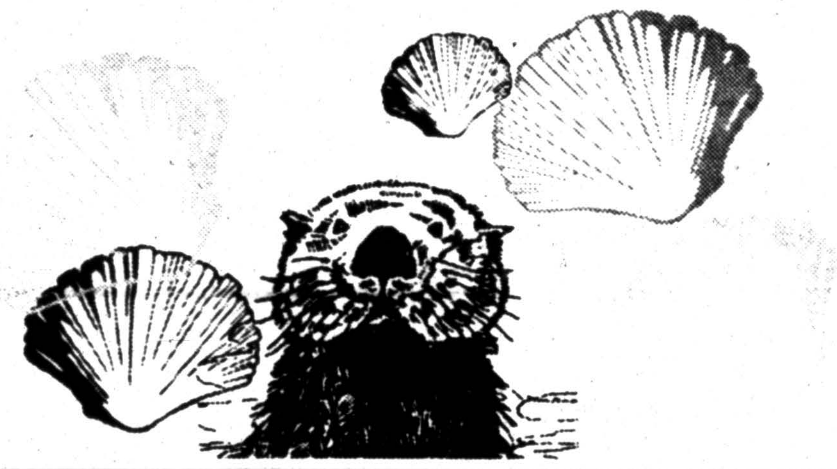

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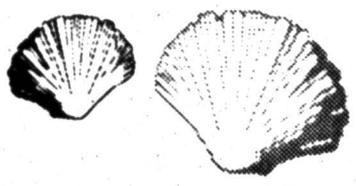

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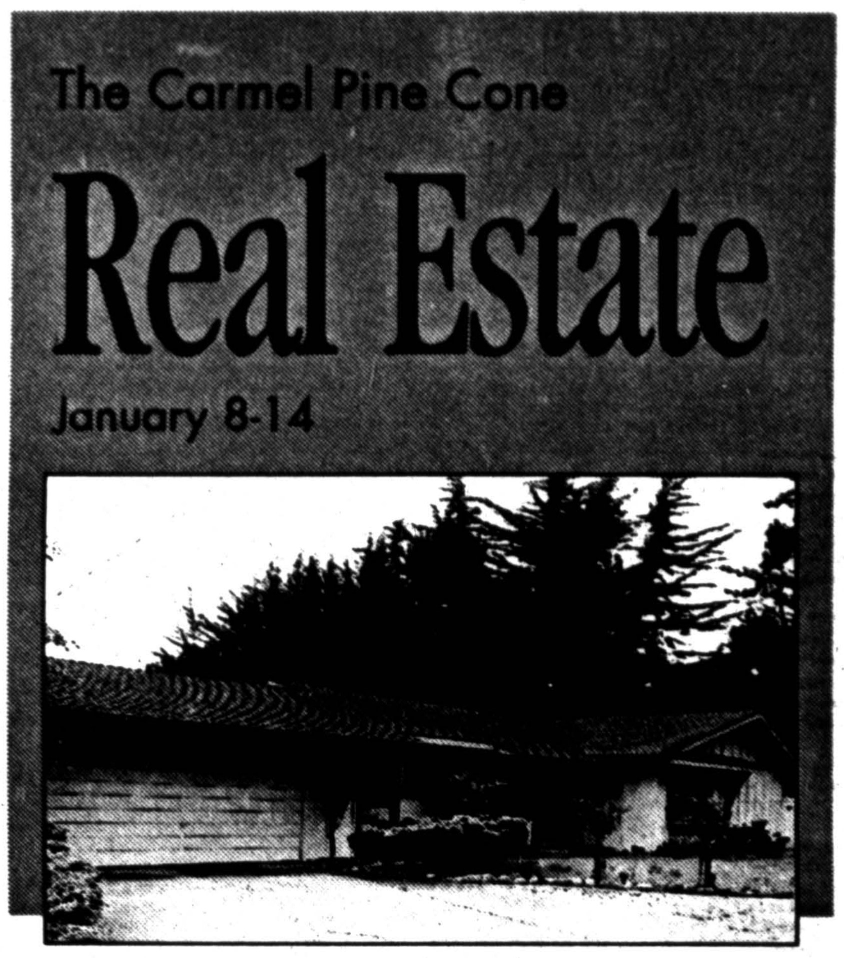

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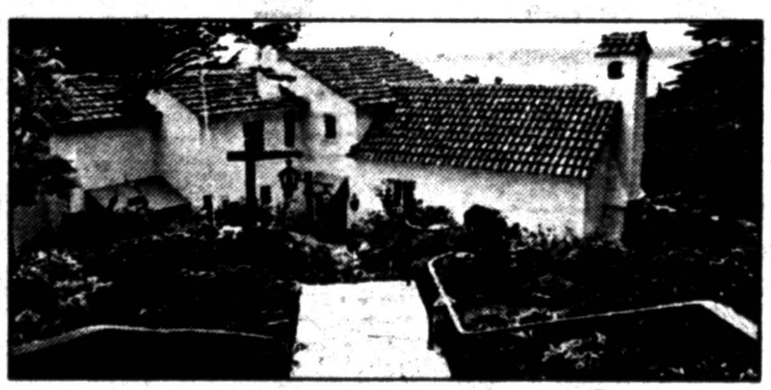

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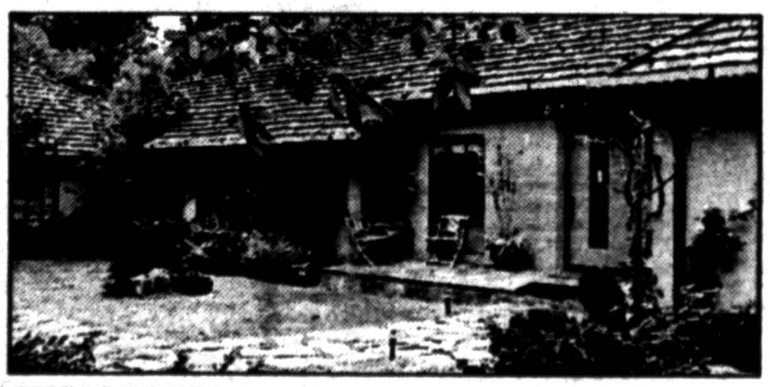

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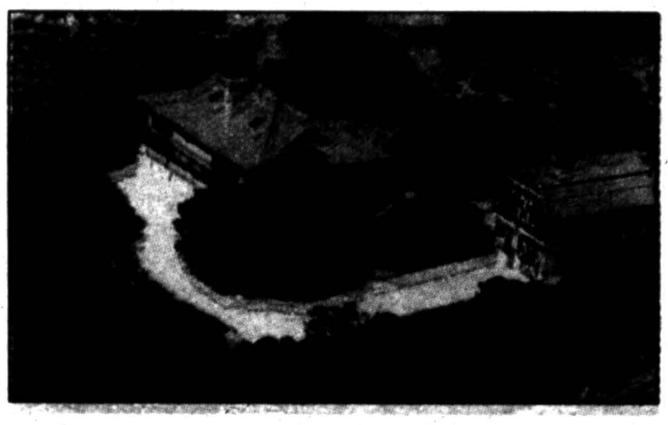
CARMEL HIGHLANDS — A contemporary one of a kind architectural gem. This home is truly for the lover of wood. The spacious four bedroom (4,367 sq.ft.) home, on a one acre parcel, has ocean views from almost every room. Superb craftsmanship shows in the vaulted, open beam ceilings, redwood wall surfaces and massive decks for sunset viewing. Three fireplaces. Cozy kitchen/family room with inviting bar. Three car garage. **$1,695,000**

CARMEL — Casa Bonita, perfectly located right in the middle of the "Golden Rectangle", south of Ocean Avenue, this little jewel is absolutely adorable. Three bedrooms, two and one half baths, hardwood floors, lovely living room with river rock fireplace, wet bar, open beam ceiling, skylights galore, beautiful eat-in kitchen with fireplace, one car garage. French doors from living room and master bedroom open to private, sunny deck. **$1,100,000**

CARMEL — Just a stroll to town and beach, this eight-year new and recently designer-modified home is the perfect weekender or full-time residence. Well built by local craftsman Roger Jolley, with a very workable floor plan. The spacious upstairs master suite is separate from the rest of the home and the kitchen features top-of-the-line appliances. **$879,000**

PACIFIC GROVE — Location best describes this two bedroom, one bath home situated in a very quiet and desirable Pacific Grove neighborhood. On a great lot with some views, slight upgrades would make this the perfect home. Nestled amongst majestic oaks, this property is easily within walking distance of the ocean and golf course. Priced to sell. **$379,000**

CARMEL — This updated Hatton Fields three bedroom, two bath home is on a one-third acre lot. It is bright and light with privacy and views. New roof, fresh paint, updated electrical and plumbing, living room fireplace, hardwood floors, five skylights, several French doors, two decks, mostly new kitchen, large two-car garage, extra storage, and decks. Excellent value. **$564,000**



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PACIFIC GROVE

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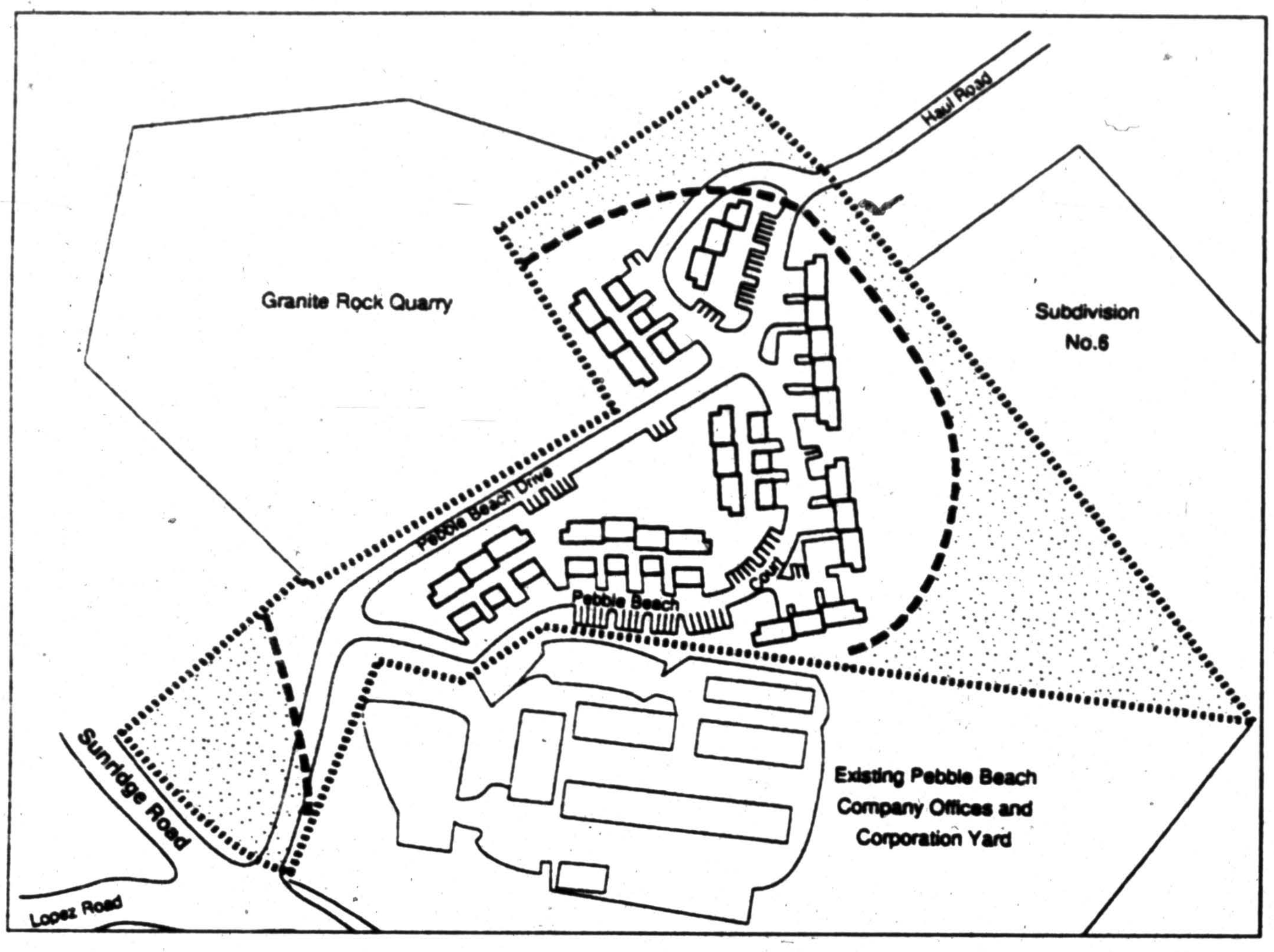
APPROVAL

From page 1A

The Monterey County Subdivision Committee will consider the report's recommendations at a public hearing Jan 14 at 9 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at Church and Alisal Streets in Salinas.

Pebble Beach Company Executive Vice President Mark Stilwell said he was "delighted" with the county report. "The recommendation for approval is consistent with public support for the Del Monte Forest plan," he said.

Last month, the Pebble Beach Company released results of a extensive public opinion survey which the company said showed strong support among Monterey County residents for its plans.

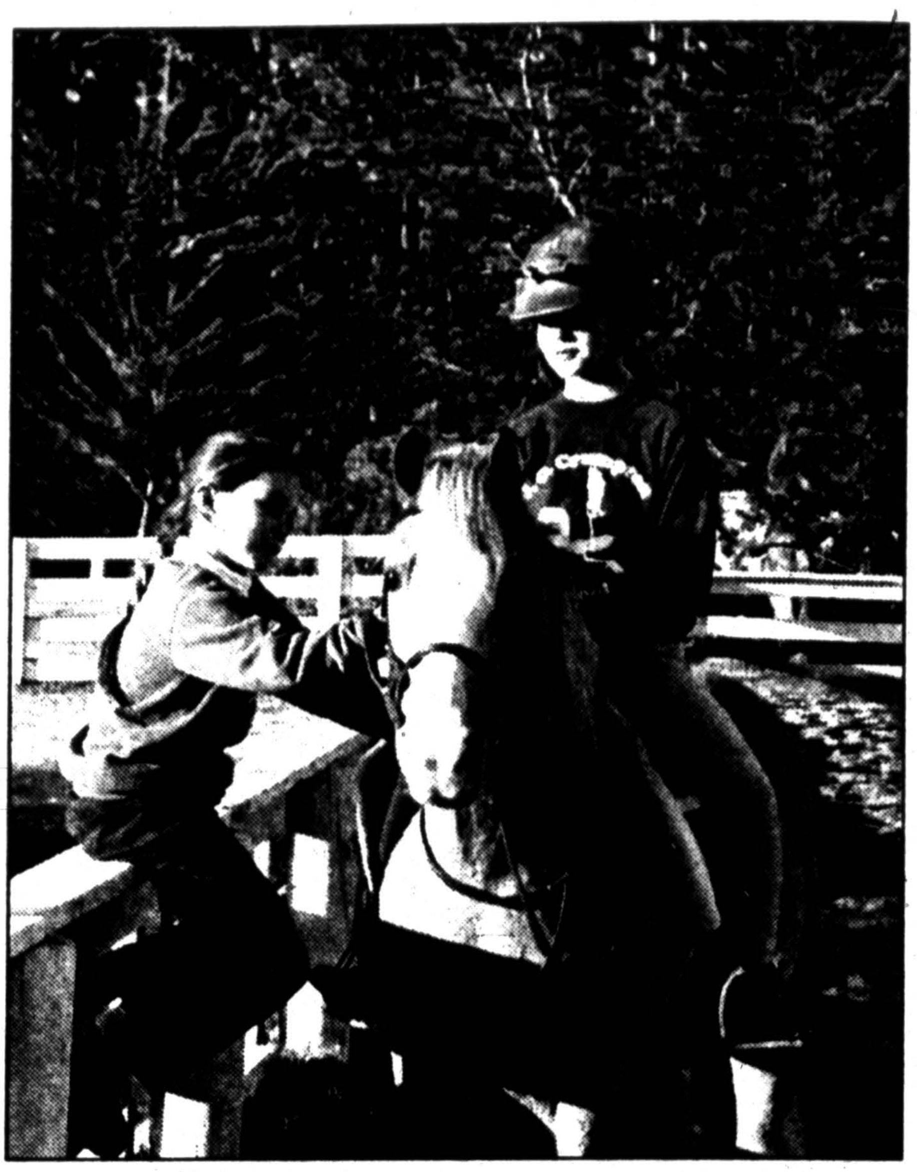


A 1992 plan for 53 affordable townhouses on Sunridge Road in Del Monte Forest was revived by Monterey County planners this week. In a report prepared for the county's Subdivision Committee, planners recommended that the entire Pebble Beach development plan — including the affordable units — be approved by Monterey County.

The Pebble Beach plan was also endorsed last year by the Del Monte Forest Citizen's Advisory Committee and by the board of the Del Monte Forest Property Owners association.

But the president of the property owner's group, Jeff Craig, said this week that he was disappointed that county wants the inclusionary housing located in Del Monte Forest. "I don't see how it makes more sense to locate the affordable housing in Pebble Beach rather than in Pajaro," Craig said.

The Pebble Beach Company included the 53 affordable units as part of its original 1992 development proposal, but later asked the county to let the company build the units in North Monterey County instead.



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9-year-old Katie Rediske from Oak Hills (left) and Alex Corning (10) from Pacific Grove enjoying a few minutes with Donut at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center Wednesday. Nearby, the Monterey Planning Commission was hearing about plans to replace the center with a new golf course and build a new $6 million horse facility near Highway 68.

Another Pebble Beach resident, John Torme, said that he was "perfectly neutral" about locating the affordable units in the Forest.

"The original dream was to have not only Pebble Beach Co. employees, but also faculty and staff of RLS School," living in the affordable units, Craig said.

The EIR prepared for the Pebble Beach plan said the entire development project — including the affordable units — would not have any significant impact on traffic within Del Monte Forest because extensive road improvements in the Forest and on Highway 68 will offset increases in traffic.

But a group of Pebble Beach residents who vehemently oppose the Pebble Beach Company's plans say that the EIRs conclusions were based on "flawed" traffic studies. An independent study "revealed that the proposed improvements would not solve the Highways 1 and 68 intersection problems," the group, Concerned Residents of Pebble Beach, says.

Torme said the forest and ocean view from the affordable housing units — which would be located adjacent to the company's offices on Sunridge Rd. — would be "tremendous."

"I'm sure a lot of people will want to live there," he said.

How will the lucky 53 families — who may get a chance to buy an affordable townhouse in Pebble Beach — be selected?

After accompanying the Monterey County Planning Commission on an all-day tour Wednesday of the affordable housing site and the locations of the other proposed developments, Stilwell said "he hadn't given the matter much thought."

"We always assumed we'd be building 53 townhouses in Pajaro," he said.

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GRAND JURY

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8. To a large degree, the MPRPD Board of Directors is self-perpetuating. In many instances since the creation of the MPRPD, a Board Member who did not intend to seek re-election resigned several months before the election in order to allow the remaining Directors to appoint someone compatible with their philosophy. This person gained the advantage of running as an incumbent and was virtually assured of election since no incumbent has ever been defeated.

9. In addition to the litigation identified in Finding 5 above, the MPRPD Board of Directors has engaged in other activities that arguably exceed the authority of a special district whose primary and limited purpose is to acquire and manage parks and open space for the benefit of the residents of the District and the general public.

For example, the MPRPD Board authorized the purchase of an option to acquire a five-acre parcel of land from a local homeowners' association. The parcel is located at the site of a critical intersection for the proposed Hatton Canyon Parkway. The Grand Jury was told that the MPRPD had no plans to develop this parcel as a park. It was to be retained as open space with no public access. According to the homeowner association's president, "each of the 260 homeowners is paying $48 this year for the $12,500 required to trim the aging trees and cut the brush to reduce fire hazards" (Monterey County Herald, "Caltrans in Hatton Canyon Retreat," Wednesday, September 23, 1998, page A1). Acquisition of this property would shift this annual expense to the MPRPD and to MPRPD taxpayers as well as the cost of obtaining the property purchase option. The Grand Jury is unable to determine how the acquisition of this parcel and the assumption of the costs of maintaining this parcel furthers or enhances the provision of parks and open space for the benefit of all of the residents of the District. This is a parcel of land that is currently open space, maintained at the expense of a private homeowners' association. The Grand Jury understands that this parcel is required to be maintained by the homeowners' association and cannot be developed. Thus, the sale of this property from the homeowners' association to the MPRPD simply transfers the costs, expenses, and liabilities associated with the property from a small group of 48 homeowners to the entire District and all of the MPRPD's taxpayers.

10. The Grand Jury received substantial testimony which indicated that the MPRPD orchestrated a seemingly endless array of environmental, processing, and technical stumbling blocks for landowners and developers for the purpose of stopping or delaying development. For example, MPRPD frequently requires multiple and costly studies in sequence so that by the time the later studies are completed, the MPRPD can argue that the earlier studies have become outdated and need to be re-studied to make them current. This results in a never-ending "study session" without closure so that a landowner or developer may be worn down eventually or forced into insolvency. The MPRPD then attempts to acquire land from the landowner for a lower than market-value price. In some cases, this type of activity has bankrupted landowners or caused them severe financial hardship.

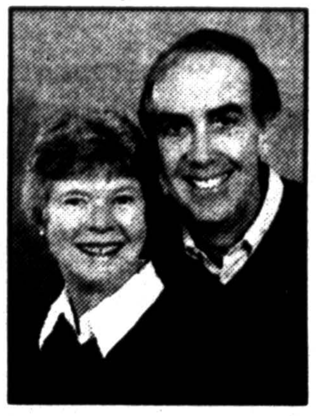
11. The Monterey County Parks Department also acquires and manages parks. Combining the assets and functions of the MPRPD with those of the Parks Department has great potential to eliminate duplication of effort and staff, without a reduction in public services and with a substantial reduction in costs to the taxpayers.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The MPRPD Board of Directors has not exercised full oversight responsibility of the MPRPD General Manager. The General Manager's time should be devoted solely to the business of the Park District and the General Manager should fully comply with all MPRPD policies. The General Manager is responsible to the MPRPD Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors should institute reasonable and appropriate oversight practices to ensure that the General Manager is performing his duties in full compliance with MPRPD policies.

2. The Grand Jury believes that the MPRPD is a governmental entity that should work in concert and in cooperation with other governmental entities. The MPRPD has an important role in ensuring that the residents of the Park District have adequate regional park and open-space facilities. This obligation should benefit not only current residents of the Park District, but future residents as well. Whenever the MPRPD inserts itself into the development

*See **REGIONAL PARK** next page*



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Grand Jury report: water not the way to stop growth

COMPLETE TEXT

Editor's note: The Monterey County Grand Jury also looked at the seemingly intracatable water supply problems facing the Monterey Peninsula. The following is the complete text of the grand jury's report on this vital issue.

SUMMARY

Aware of the critical water situation which exists on the Monterey Peninsula, the 1998 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury conducted a study of water supply and availability in an effort to help inform the general public about the current water crisis, with emphasis on the issue of constructing a new dam in the Los Padres area. This paper attempts to present factual information regarding the proposed dam, some of which may not be widely known. This study also encompasses commentary on the pros and cons of a dam versus alternatives, and the various reasons why certain individuals and organizations support or oppose the dam construction. Time is quickly running out for a solution to the water problem. Permits for dam construction are scheduled to expire in October 2001. The State has already mandated reduction in taking water from the Carmel River, which could result in severe water rationing. Although this paper does not follow the usual Grand Jury report format, it is intended that the information provided will clarify some of the issues, and help to answer some of the questions concerning this issue.

INTRODUCTION

The San Clemente and Los Padres dams were built in 1921 and 1948 respectively, at a time when there was a much smaller population in the area serviced by the two dams. This area includes the cities of Monterey, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Carmel, Sand City, Pacific Grove, and certain unincorporated County areas including Carmel Valley and Carmel Highlands. Water service in this area is provided by the California American Water Company (Cal Am), which owns both dams, numerous wells, pumping stations, and the entire water-supply system within the area (see attached map). Over the years, as the population grew, demand for water increased. At the same time the supply was dwindling due to increased silting of the dams. Environmentalists began expressing concern for the riparian habitat and fish population of the river and commenced a campaign to maintain an increased river flow as opposed to storing additional water. After several drought years which led to water rationing, it became apparent to many on the Peninsula that something had to be done to address the water problem. In 1978 an election was held, and the formation of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) was overwhelmingly approved by the voters. Since then, the Board of Directors of the District and their staff have undertaken a large number of studies to determine the best long-term solution. They have considered more than 60 alternatives to solve the water problem, weighed the pros and cons of these alternatives, and concluded that a new Los Padres Dam is the best solution. This was a highly-controversial decision which threatens to postpone a solution to the problem in the near future.

INVESTIGATION

In order to obtain the information necessary to formulate this paper, the 1998 Grand Jury conducted extensive

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process, and takes positions adverse or contrary to governmental entities which have direct authority and responsibility over the specific development proposal, public confidence in the process and in the Park District is undermined. Whenever the MPRPD expends funds to acquire questionable property (property already committed for open-space purposes at no cost to the MPRPD), the motives of the Park District and its Board of Directors will be suspect; and public confidence in the process and the District will be undermined. This is not to say that the MPRPD does not and should not have a role to play in the review of a development proposal, whether it be a single-family house or a Hatton Canyon Parkway. The MPRPD should advise governmental entities that will review and take action on a development about the impacts that such a development will have on the park and open-space resources of the MPRPD and the conditions placed on the development necessary to ensure that the development will provide park and open-space facilities to the extent allowed under law. To second-guess these governmental entities, to contest their decisions, or to take actions that may frustrate or delay their ability to implement their policy decisions may be contrary to the purpose and mission of the District and in excess of MPRPD's authority.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 1998 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury recommends that:

1. The BOS initiate the procedure necessary to dissolve the MPRPD and merge its assets and administration into the existing Monterey County Parks Department in order to effect cost savings for taxpayers and improve operation of and access to MPRPD assets. Until the MPRPD is dissolved, the MPRPD Board of Directors:

2. Cease spending public funds to support non-public political organizations.

3. Cease initiating litigation against other public agencies or individuals until all other remedies have been exhausted, including but not limited to procedures for Alternate Dispute Resolution.

4. Solicit and strictly follow the advice of County Counsel about the advisability of pursuing litigation against private citizens, private entities, or other public agencies. 5. Ensure that the MPRPD's per-diem and credit-card policies are clearly stated and strictly enforced.

6. Require that all current and former MPRPD employees and Directors reimburse the MPRPD for all meals and other expenses charged to the MPRPD contrary to published District Policy #10.

7. Closely monitor the actions of the MPRPD General Manager (who is the only employee who reports directly to the MPRPD Board) with regard to how he/she spends work time; require that the MPRPD General Manager submit detailed monthly expense-account breakdowns; and implement regular monthly reviews of that expense breakdown by a committee or designated Member of the MPRPD Board.

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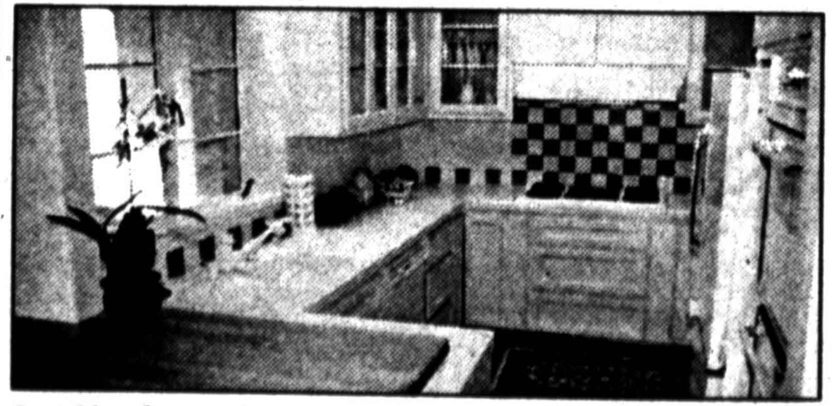

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WATER SHORTAGE

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interviews with MPWMD directors and staff, the management of Cal Am, proponents and opponents of the proposed dam; attended numerous meetings about water issues; read many reports and studies which have been prepared by the MPWMD and Cal Am; and read a large number of news articles and letters to the editor about this issue.

FINDINGS

1. There is adequate water available from the Carmel River to satisfy the needs of the area serviced by MPWMD and Cal Am including environmental preservation.
2. There are inadequate facilities to store enough water to meet the needs of the current population.
3. More than 60 studies about alternative solutions to the dam have been considered by MPWMD during the past ten years.
4. Construction of the dam is viewed by opponents as a growth issue, whereas other opponents regard a new dam as an unfavorable solution to the water problem.
5. Some opposition to the dam has been generated by residents of the Cachagua area who feel that their lifestyle will be damaged by construction of the new dam.
6. Some opposition to the dam has been expressed by local viticulture interests who fear climatic changes will be generated by the mass of the dam structure with resultant damage to their ability to produce premium grapes. This issue is currently the topic of a study underway to amend the Environmental Impact Report.
7. An advisory vote to approve a dam was overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 1987.
8. Voters rejected by 57% to 43% a bond issue to finance the dam in November 1995.
9. Voters rejected by 59% to 41% a ballot measure sponsored by dam opponents which would have required that the Board of the MPWMD seek voter approval for any water-supply project that would cost more than $1 million and that the MPWMD be prohibited from transferring permits obtained for the Los Padres Dam project to any other agency, company, or individual without voter approval.
10. A local assemblyman attempted to address the water issue with legislation introduced and passed by the Assembly and the Senate in 1998.
11. Cal Am is currently seeking approval to build the new Los Padres Dam and have the permits obtained by MPWMD transferred to Cal Am for that purpose. These permits expire in October 2001.

ARGUMENTS: THE PROS AND CONS, AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

The failure of the MPWMD or Cal Am to make progress towards a solution to the water supply problem will be interpreted by the State Public Utility Commission (PUC) as an abdication of responsibility and defiance of its mandate to find a solution to the water problem. This would almost certainly result in the acceleration of the reduction in the amount of water which Cal Am is able to continue pumping from the River. To date, the PUC has held the full implementation of their reduction order in abeyance pending the studies and progress made by the local agencies to solve the water problem. To do nothing, as some dam opponents advocate, could result in severe water rationing to meet the State-mandated requirements. Cal Am is allowed to pump 11,285 acre feet of water per year from the Carmel River, and this is enough to meet water needs only in wet years such as the one just past. With any less rainfall, or a warmer summer than was experienced in 1998, water rationing must be imposed just to stay within the 11,285-acre-feet pumping limit. Under the worst-case scenario (if no progress toward a solution is attempted), Cal Am would be reduced to a maximum pumping limit of just 3,000 acre feet per year; and that would allow for less than 100 gallons of water per household per day. This is a limit that would make it virtually impossible for most households to function and a scenario so severe that it is almost beyond contemplation. While some dam opponents feel that the State would never take such drastic action, this would be entirely legal and must be seriously considered.

Many have focused their opposition to the dam as a growth issue by contending that if sufficient water is made available, this in itself will increase development. However, there are many communities throughout the United States that have virtually unlimited water supplies which have been able to regulate their growth by implementation of and adherence to master plans through local control. Many of these plans have been challenged but upheld in Courts. Boulder, Colorado, is an example of such a plan which has been in effect for over 15 years and is still working to the satisfaction of that community. Methods and resources are available for the Monterey Peninsula to develop and implement a similar plan. The water- supply issue should stand or fall on its own merits or weaknesses: totally removed from the issue of controlling growth. To do otherwise will continue to confuse the issue and preclude a speedy resolution to the water issue.

Growth is a tough issue for all who live in Monterey County. A vast majority of residents are vitally concerned about the preservation of all natural assets. Growth in and of itself should not be feared or discouraged. With the population of California projected to increase by 18 million people by the year 2025, some of this growth will inevitably spill over into Monterey County. The challenge will be how to limit and control such growth. This challenge can be met by working with all levels of local government to update, revise, rewrite, or create general plans which anticipate that a limited amount of growth is inevitable (and even desirable). The proper control of growth will support the vision that a majority of residents have for the future of Monterey County.

If consideration of growth is removed from the issue of adequate water, then the water problem becomes easier to solve. During the rainy season of 1997-1998 over 100,000 acre feet of water flowed into the ocean. The proposed new Los Padres dam is designed to hold about 31,000 acre feet of water which is considered more than adequate to supply the service area for three years. Again, the issue is not the availability of water but rather the lack of storage for the water when it does come so that it can be set aside in reserve for the dry years.

If the growth issue is removed, then what are the remaining objections to constructing a dam?

1. Cost: A new dam is estimated to cost $127 million. This in turn would result in an increase of $18.00 per month in the typical user's bill, making the District's water perhaps the most expensive in the State — certainly a valid concern for ratepayers.

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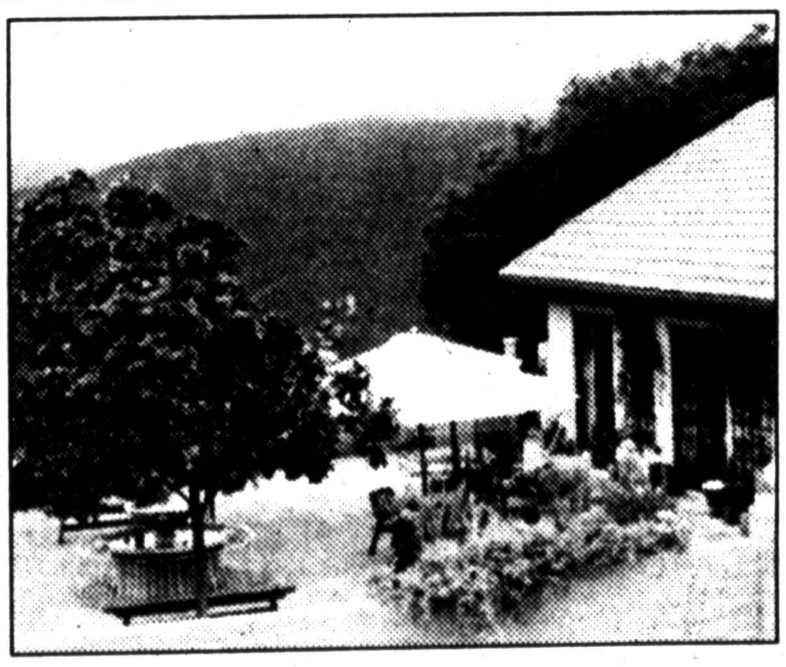

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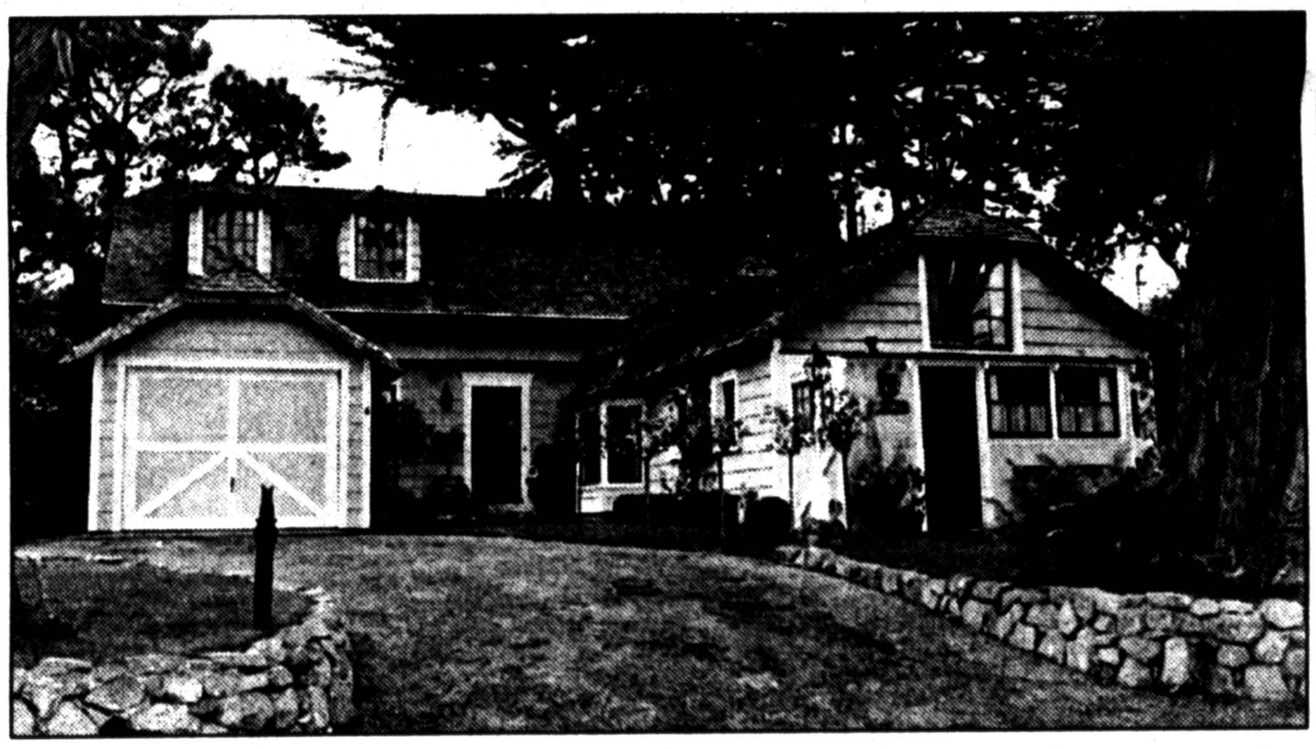

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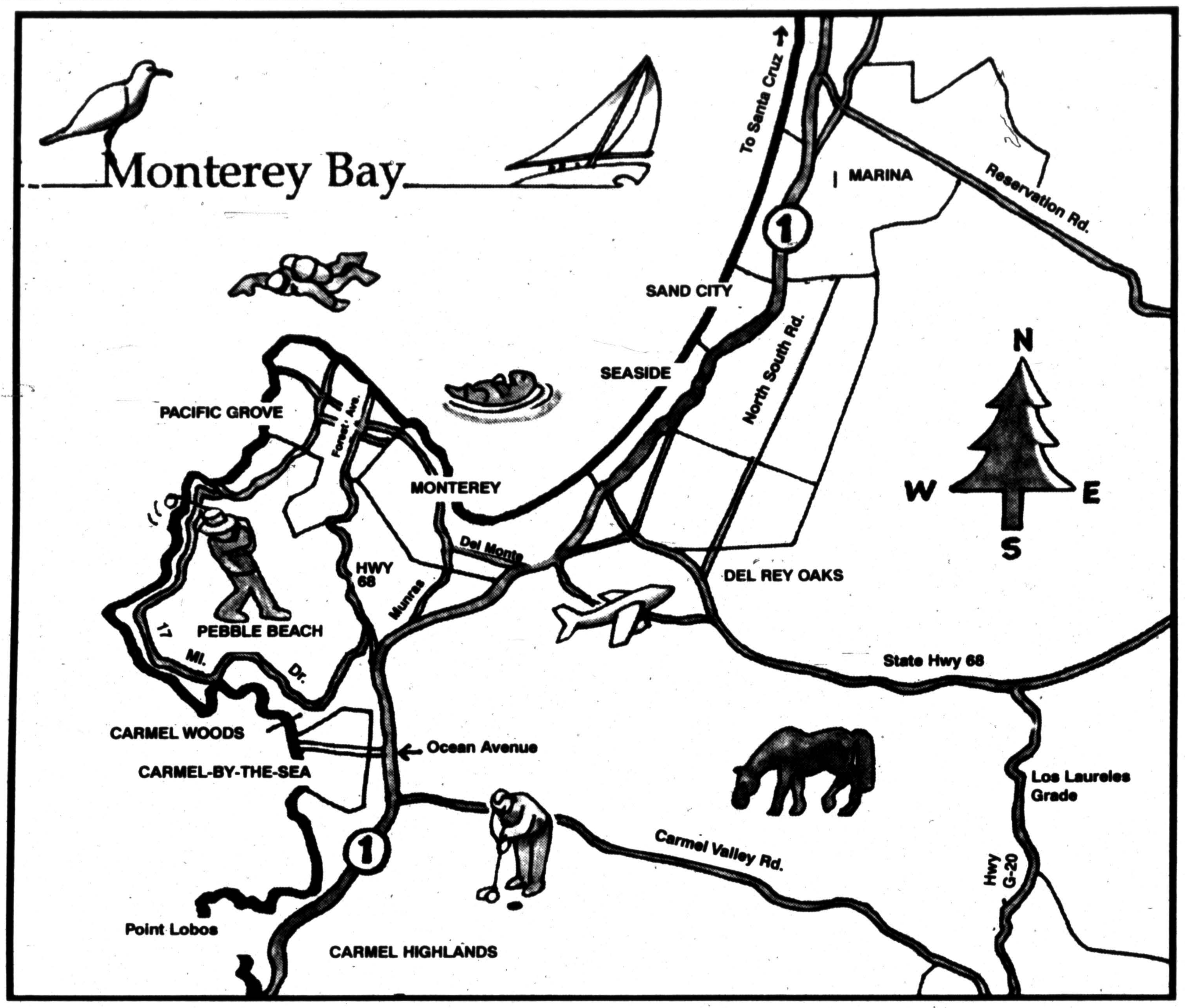

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WATER

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2. Impact on residents of Cachagua and Carmel Valley: Residents fear that the import of vast quantities of materials by truck over the existing road system and the increase of workers would be detrimental to their neighborhood. The EIR addresses this issue; and the plan proposed by Cal Am indicates that a batch plant would be set up on site to produce all of the concrete for the dam, thereby eliminating the need to bring in continuous convoys of concrete trucks. Materials would be brought in at night to minimize the traffic impact and most material shipments would be concentrated at the beginning of the job, again to minimize the impact. This effort also contemplates the upgrading of the roads necessary to facilitate the movement of trucks. While there would be inconvenience for the residents of Cachagua during the construction period, the long-term benefits to the entire area far outweigh those limited inconveniences and disruptions.

3. Impact on the fisheries and steelhead population: The EIR indicates that the steelhead population would benefit from the ability to guarantee a constant flow in the River throughout the normally dry months of summer and fall. This flow could be guaranteed by the release of water from the dam when needed. Any alternative to the dam will also require protection of the riparian environment and steelhead population.

4. Cost of the dam permits: It is estimated that the MPWMD has expended $12 million of taxpayer money to obtain permits for the dam and that these permits should not be handed over to Cal Am (a private for-profit company) to build the dam. The MPWMD Board is considering the possibility of selling or licensing the permits to Cal Am to protect the public investment made to date.

5. Impact on viticulture: Concerns have been expressed by grape growers/winemakers over the effect which the dam may have in causing climate changes which might negatively impact grape production. The supplemental EIR ordered by the Court as a result of a lawsuit by vintners, clearly states that the minor climate and temperature changes which result from construction of the dam and the creation of a large lake behind the dam will have no detrimental effect on growing of premium grapes.

Opponents to the dam argue that other methods of water retention, storage, and sources should be considered as alternatives to the dam. During the past ten years, the MPWMD has examined more than 60 alternatives and concluded that the dam offer is the best solution. Cal Am is now mandated by the PUC to come up with a workable fallback plan to the dam and under a bill recently passed by the Legislature, the PUC itself is required to propose an alternative or back-up plan to the dam.

These fallback plans will likely consist of a combination of some of the 60 alternatives previously studied by the MPWMD. It is easy to see why citizens are confused; meanwhile, valuable time is being lost. More than likely, these alternatives will cost more than a dam; and the general public will understand why Cal Am and MPWRD officials favor the dam. However, it is important that public perception of the water problem be clarified so that an educated and understanding public can reach a consensus and support a quick resolution of the problem. Time is running out.

Volunteers sought for park trail committee

THE NEW GENERAL Manager of the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, Joe Donofrio, needs volunteers to serve on a citizens Trails Working Group

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The group will meet regularly to assist the park district staff on trail issues and concerns. Anyone interested in participating should contact Donofrio at 659-4488.

POLICE LOG

From page 4A

ed a theft of items from her house. The items she reported missing were found in the house. She appeared to be disoriented and delusional. Case turned over to Adult Protective Services for follow-up and evaluation.

Big Sur: Santa Cruz residents reported their tent, clothing and money taken while there were camped at Sykes Camp in Los Padres National Forest.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of loud noises, possibly fire crackers.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Arrest made in domestic violence incident at inn on Ocean and Monte Verde. Inflicted injury, made threats, intoxicated.

Carmel area: Santa Rita resident reported that while at an intersection, she waved to a male adult in a maroon pickup truck. The maroon truck followed her home and asked if she knew him. She said no and the truck drove off. She felt it was suspicious and should be entered in our log.

Big Sur: San Francisco resident came upon a subject, standing alongside Highway One just south of Willow Creek. She had attempted suicide by cutting her wrists and then driving her car over the cliff. The car, a '93 Honda, went approximately 120' down. The subject survived and climbed back up to the highway. She was flown to Twin Cities Hospital by CHP Helicopter. AMR. USFS, CHP, Big Sur Fire and SO responded.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Security turned over a black pager, which was given to him by an unknown person at the Carmel gate. The pager was found somewhere in the Pebble Beach area. The pager was mailed back to the company and will be returned to the owner.

Pebble Beach: Pebble Beach Company employee reported someone broke into the maintenance shed on Whitman Lane and stole several lawn mowers and leaf blowers.

Carmel area: Mesa Drive resident reported she lost her wallet somewhere between the Pebble Beach Market, in Pebble Beach, and the Crossroads in Carmel. The wallet was lost between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man at Dolores and Santa Lucia said his dumpster was being used by someone else. Papers in the dumpster indicated who the owner of some of the garbage was. Attempts to locate were negative.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Resident advised that he could not park his cars along the west side of Camino Del Monte between 2nd and 3rd. This area of roadway has always been posted a "no parking zone." Resident made some illegal improvements to the shoulder of the road, allowing a wide area to park cars. The improvement was done without proper permits. The "no parking" sign that had been posted was lying over the embankment along with some temporary stanchions. Resident first stated that a large wind storm blew them over. He then said that public works employees threw them over the side. Officer told resident that the entire area is a no parking zone and that his vehicles as well as others will be cited as of 12/30/98. Public works will re-post the area with signs.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party had a "strange message" left on her answering machine in San Francisco. She wanted her house in Carmel checked due to this call. Nothing unusual noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Pedestrian reported a motorist driving his gray Subaru on Ocean threw beer can out of the car. A traffic stop revealed that driver threw the can out. Admitted

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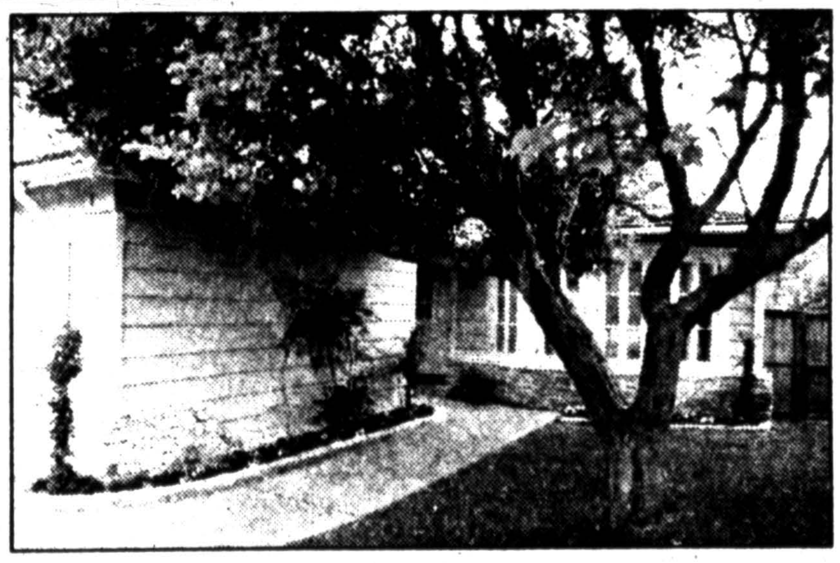

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to having a "sip" of beer earlier. A PAS test indicated a reading of .012 Blood alcohol level. An additional empty can and a full can of Coors were taken from the car. Both were taken to the station for parental pick-up.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a barking dog in a truck in front of Ron's Liquors. Owner contacted and complied by taking the dog home.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of white male adult panhandling.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Reporting party said that a subject had been calling 900 and 976 numbers from the office phones. Advised to have a block put on the numbers and they did so.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed subject who matched the description of panhandling subject. Admonished.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report that subject was causing a disturbance at bar on San Carlos and 5th. Upon contact he agreed to go back to his van and sit.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Cell phone in black leather case found on Scenic and 12th

Carmel Valley: Esquiline resident reported that MCI had cashed a check without his approval.

Carmel area: A clerk at Hudson & Company, in the Barnyard, reported someone had stolen four leather jackets from the store.

Carmel area: Valley Way resident reported someone stole her jewelry while she was sorting through it. Subject is borderline 5150 and was reported to Adult Protective Services by a sheriff's deputy on 12/28/98..

Carmel Valley: Country Club Drive resident reported his neighbor was placing stakes in property belonging to him.

Pebble Beach: Hacienda Drive resident reported someone entered their garage on the night of 12/4/98 and took some golf clubs and a cellular phone from inside one of their vehicles.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a lost black jade ring inside the Saks store. Was advised to contact store security as well.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of three older vehicles possibly abandoned and causing a traffic hazard. Several vehicles were in the area of Carmelo and 4th. No traffic hazard noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: CHP requested assistance with a hit and run suspect. CHP handled investigation that occurred in Pebble Beach

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report from "Lifeline" that citizen needed assistance. Upon arrival discovered man tangled in his bed sheets. Assistance rendered.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Children were using the hot tub at Guadalupe and 4th at 11:45 p.m.. Tub party terminated until tomorrow.

Carmel Valley: Individual reported a past burglary at an El Caminito Road residence. On checking the residence, it was discovered that the homeowner's son had returned home from out-of-state. Property left outside the residence belonged to son.

Carmel area: Individual reported he has visiting rights to his daughter every Wednesday. When he went to pick up his daughter, his ex-wife and daughter were not home. He believes they went on a skiing trip.

Carmel area: Row Place resident reported she was afraid her ex-husband might cause problems, since she was going out of town with their daughter and he wanted to see the daughter. This is a continuous problem.

Carmel Valley: Cachagua Road resident reported that her friend violated a parenting agreement by using alcohol in the presence of her young child while on an outing in the Yosemite area.

Carmel Valley: Asoleado Road resident reported hearing noises at the rear of her residence. Area check was made, and it was determined that her cats had been making the noise from inside the house.

Carmel area: Individual reported he left some furniture items on consignment at Pacific Steamboat Co. sometime in 1996. Several months ago he checked and the business was closed. The building owner was reached and put in touch with the RP. His party is being stored in a hallway of the closed store, as they didn't know to whom to return it.

Big Sur: Palo Colorado resident reported he has had numerous problems with wild dogs on his property and has threatened to shoot them. He also talked to County Animal Control about the problems with loose dogs in the area.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Business owner had a problem with one of his employees with regard to a possible theft of money. After we talked, he said he would confront the employee and call the station if he wanted any further action.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen was attempting to park when another motorist pulled up and around him and then attempted to park in the same parking stall. He swore and claimed he saw the empty stall first. Second driver did park elsewhere and left the area prior to arrival of the police.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: City library staff reported an unwanted visitor. Party was asked to leave and did.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a female screaming Numerous pedestrians on Ocean and Casanova enjoying the full moon. Unable to locate any problems.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Meals on Wheels was unable to contact person at San Carlos and Vista for the last two days. Requested a welfare check. Contact made; she was OK.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of son living in Sacramento making harassing phone calls.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Beach fire extinguished

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sewage from clean-out vent running down sidewalk and street. Spoke to manager who will get plumber first thing in the morning.

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Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lost tourist assisted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report from unknown subject via 911 that a man in the room next to him was selling dope and wanted to kill him. He said he was calling from room 206. A check of the grounds showed no room 206.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A guest has a 98-year old aunt with his family party. They need to use the disabled parking space for access. He has a DP placard. Person was somewhat unreasonable in demanding other person to park elsewhere as a matter of convenience. Both parties agreed to appropriate parking. the space painted for disabled persons is not properly marked for any law enforcement. Both parties advised that this issue is a civil matter since it is on private property.

Carmel area: A tourist reported finding a deceased body near the rocky shoreline at the north end of Monastery Beach.

Carmel area: Isabella resident reported that unknown suspect(s) had thrown eggs at his silver 1998 BMW 328i.

Carmel area: Sycamore Place resident reported seeing several juveniles enter a vacant home. The juveniles were contacted and it was found they were the previous renters and still in the process of moving.

Pebble Beach: Valdez Road resident reported that she had been assaulted by her daughter, causing injury to both of her arms.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of panhandling. Questioned person sitting on a bus bench at San Carlos and 7th. He denied the allegation. He was provided a list of the local homeless shelters.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Los Angeles woman reported lost Canon camera worth $1,200 at Junipero and 6th.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Numerous citations for running stop signs issued.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen requested assistance with a leaking water heater. Hose tightened.

Carmel Valley: Nason Road resident reported seeing a subject peel out in some gravel in front of her house.

Carmel area: Castro Lane resident reported loud music from her neighbor's home.

Carmel Valley: Esquiline resident reported that an unknown suspect(s) had vandalized his mailbox located at the entrance of his driveway.

Big Sur: An anonymous person reported a hang-glider landed in the ocean 100 yards from shore, in the area of Lucia. The Sheriff's Department Dive Team, Big Sur Fire Department, AMR and a CHP airplane responded to the area. The call was discovered to be unfounded upon confirming with the reporting party that a bunch of party balloons found floating in the ocean were what the RP was seeing.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

According to the Monterey County Sheriffs Department, no activity was reported for this date at the peninsula substations.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Visitor lost an envelope which contained $50 in U.S. currency, possibly in the area of San Carlos and Ocean.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a beached sea lion at Scenic and 10th. Marine Mammal Center notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted by a citizen on Monte Verde who reported several children on the roof of the restroom on Del Mar. Upon arrival, I located two small children on the roof, hanging on a tree branch. Both the children and their parents were admonished.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Homeless woman who attended an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting at All Saints Church wanted to stay in the meeting hall for the evening to stay out of the cold. We contacted her and offered her assistance in locating a place to stay. She refused and departed the area.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Purse containing personal effects, cash and check for $17,173 left in front yard. Purse brought to station and owner notified.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Man walked away from Carmel Inn for Seniors to La Dolce Vita. He was returned to the custody of caregiver.

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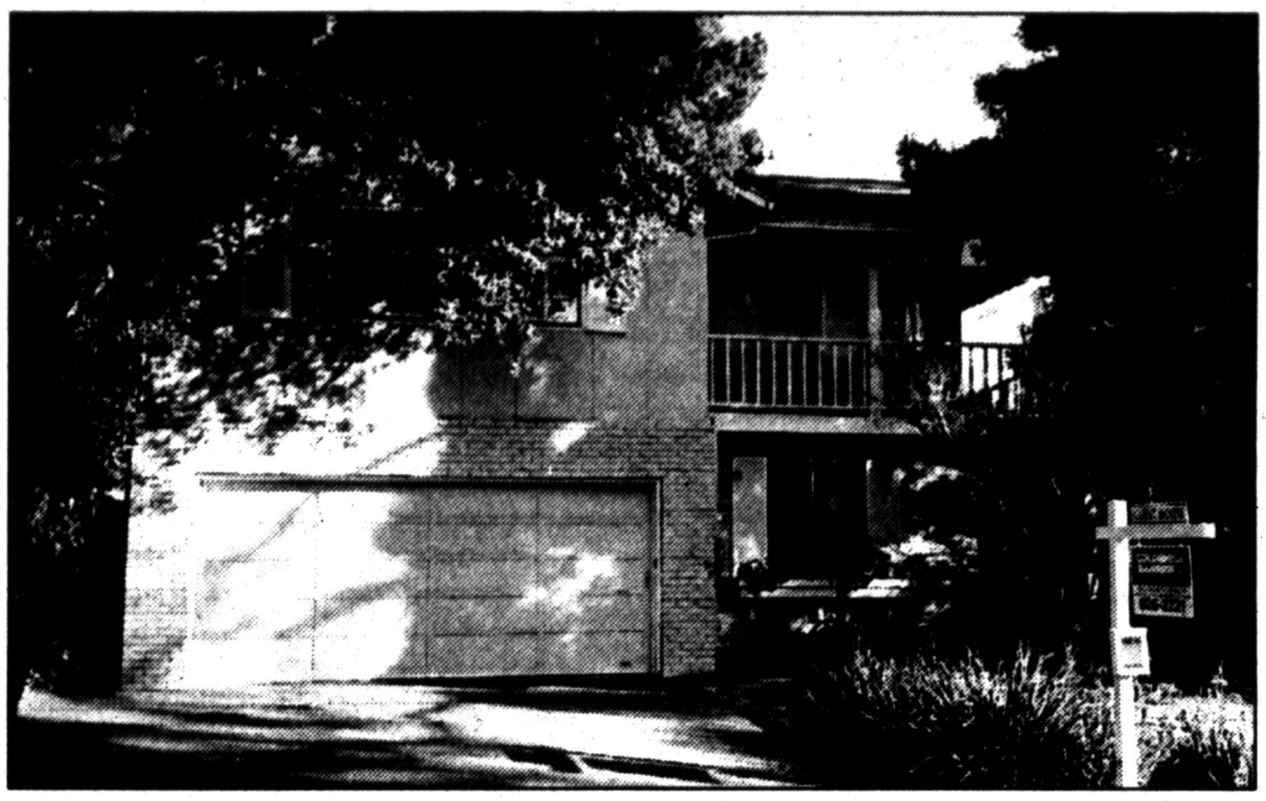

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CARMEL

TURN-KEY CONDITION! This gorgeous 2-bedroom, 2-bath home was designed and completely furnished for turn-key occupancy by designer Jan Gardner. The kitchen and baths have been remodeled. An extra room on the lower level serves as an exercise room, office or den. This special and serene home is located on a south-of-Ocean-Avenue corner lot. Offered fully furnished at $775,000 or unfurnished for $695,000.

HAPPY BY THE SEA! Whimsical, fun and full of charm, light, nooks 'n crannies! This vintage home in a private oversized lot defines "early Carmel cottage." Recently remodeled, it offers a new kitchen, new baths, new paint, new roof, new carpeting, and landscaping with timed irrigation. Perfectly located for a true Carmel experience just two blocks to the village and four blocks to the beach. Now who couldn't be happy with that? $850,000.

CHARMING COMSTOCK! Discover Carmel charm from top to bottom in this 2-bedroom, 2-bath home set back from the street. An original Comstock in pristine condition. Features hardwood floors, high-peaked ceiling, fireplace in the living room, and updated kitchen. Lovely garden. $425,000.

NEW ON MARKET! Located south of Ocean and just steps to town, yet tucked away in a forest setting is this wonderful home full of light and openness. Featuring vaulted ceilings, and an open floor plan, this 2-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home, built in 1987, is still like new. It has a comfortable living room with fireplace, separate dining area and open kitchen with cozy breakfast nook. Hardwood floors throughout and French doors open out to an expansive deck. $845,000.

NEW ON MARKET! Adorable cottage built by MJ Murphy with river-rock fireplace, open-beamed ceilings and hardwood floors. Nice kitchen, new bathroom, and oversized garage with finished walls. Private and quiet getaway with 3 bedrooms & two baths. $595,000.

BACK ON MARKET! Just steps away from town, this classic 1920's artist cottage sparkles like a diamond in the sand. Remodeled & updated in the 1990's, the small but impeccable 2-bedroom, 2-bath home is immaculate throughout. Two fireplaces, custom-tile counters and oak-plank floors enhance the warmth and character of this diminutive yet comfortable home--a Carmel jewel box. $475,000.

VILLA MAR MONTE! Overlooking forest, ocean and Point Lobos views is this elegant Mediterranean estate home. Of 5300 sq. ft., it is located on 1.38 acres on a Carmel quiet cul-de-sac. Featuring two-story ceilings, fabulous kitchen/family room combo and an elegant oversized master suite with fireplace. This 6-bedroom, 5-1/2-bath home offers the ultimate in location, quality and design. $1,695,000.

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TRULY A TREASURE! Just a short stroll to town & across from a park. Discover this wonderful adobe that has been beautifully remodeled with all of today's conveniences. This home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths which includes separate legal rental unit or guest quarters, a large living/dining room combination, two fireplaces, high ceilings and hardwood floors and a loft for a bedroom or library/study. $595,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

BLUE PACIFIC FOREVER! Today's owner has combined the original drama of a home built in 1922 with attention to detail and subtle high tech. The views are breathtaking. The entry to the 5300 sq. ft. home is enchanting with leaded and custom stained-glass doors also opening to decks. The great living room is softened by Douglas fir floors & built-in book-cases. Four bedrooms & 4 plus baths. Plus guest studio. $1,800,000.

MONTEREY

ENTERTAINER'S DELIGHT! Fabulous ocean views from this immaculate home on an oversized fully fenced lot. The spacious feel of this house is enhanced by skylights and vaulted ceilings of knotty pine. The downstairs bedroom and bath share a separate entry. Other thoughtful features include storage space in the attic, deck, BBQ area, and room to park the RV or boat. This 4-bedroom, 3-bath home on a corner lot is perfect for those who seek lots of space. $424,000.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! This newly remodeled home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, wool Berber carpeting, double-paned windows and large, completely updated bathrooms. This home would be ideal for a family with its large living room, and its completely fenced backyard with lush green lawns. All this in a terrific neighborhood close to schools and shopping. $359,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

GOLF RESORT ESTATE! Luxurious, quality built estate on the green of the CV Ranch Golf Course. Private, walled compound includes two beautiful homes. Main house is located on the golf course with over 4300 sq.ft., 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths, 4 fireplaces and high, vaulted cathedral ceilings. Guest cottage is 1600 sq.ft. and features 2 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, fireplace and a 25 foot skylit loft. Both homes are built with quality and offer privacy. Charming Carmel-stone pathways meander between the two homes. This estate boasts fairway & mountain views. $1,650,000.

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TOP OF THE HILL! A hilltop villa with views! An elegant, 10-year-old Mediterranean-style estate located on four plus acres. This beautiful and spacious home features 4 fireplaces, a library and 17x12 child study room. Offering refined country living while being close to town. Three-car garage. In highly acclaimed Washington Union School District. Horses are permitted! $1,295,000.

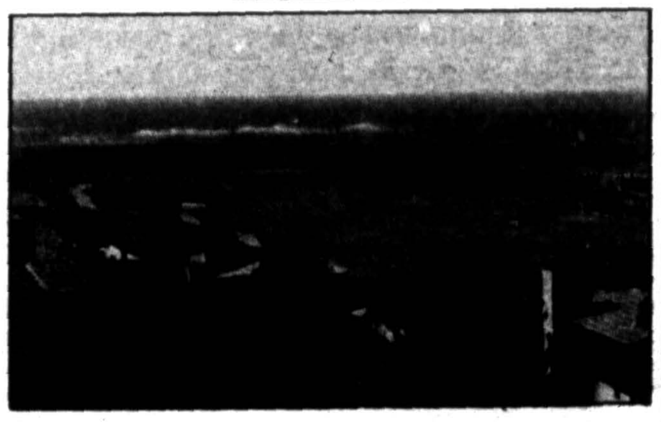
PACIFIC GROVE

CAPE COD DREAM! Rare, oceanfront property features white-water views in a private area. This charming Cape Cod home with historical status features 3 bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths. It has two lots of record of about 6000 sq. ft. each. There is potential for a bed-and-breakfast, small apartment, or residence. $999,000.

COLD WEATHER - HOT BUY! Cute and quaint home in a desirable location. Very clean, 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with den/3rd bedroom, guest quarters or detached office. Finished light and bright attic. Great walk-to-town location. $429,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

CYPRESS POINT VIEWS! Contemporary flair combines with traditional values in this meticulous "move in" ocean-view residence. This 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home with family room, media room and gourmet kitchen sits on a dramatic 1.4-acre site overlooking the 2nd and 3rd fairways of Cypress Point Golf Course, sand dunes and the Pacific Ocean. $2,175,000.



SPANISH BAY RESIDENCE! A sophisticated sea & golf course-view condo with the amenities of the Inn at Spanish Bay steps away. Set amidst the beauty of this resort area finds this luxurious and spacious 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath condo showing pride of ownership. Extensive upgrades, soaring ceilings, and large windows inviting gorgeous scenes inside. $1,749,500.

JUST LISTED! This 3-bedroom, 2-bath home is located on a corner lot in the sunbelt. Very livable and enhanced by a wonderful floor plan, it's convenient to all areas of the Monterey Peninsula. Great primary residence, weekender or golfer's retreat! $610,000.

PARK-LIKE IN PEBBLE BEACH! On nearly two acres near The Lodge resort is this elegant stone villa and matching guest house plus a 9-tee golf course! Features include 4 bedrooms and 4-1/2+ baths, 4 fireplaces & 2 wet bars, premium-equipped kitchen, formal dining room and lovely family room — all freshly remodeled on picturesque grounds. $5,495,000.

FUN LOCATION! This spacious 11-year-new, single-level home is located in the desirable Country Club area of the forest. Features include a fireplace in the spacious living room, formal dining room, nice-sized master suite, and a total of 4 bedrooms & 2-1/2 baths. All in about 2230 sq. ft. of living space. Just a short walk to the beach, golf & the Inn at Spanish Bay. $569,000.

'SEA RIDGE!" This stunning contemporary residence located on famed 17 Mile Drive has spectacular ocean vistas over the fairways of the Pebble Beach Golf Links to breathtaking Point Lobos. Built in 1995 and situated on almost an acre of beautifully landscaped gardens and picturesque oaks, this sophisticated home has 5 bedrooms, 5 full and 3 half baths, an exercise room and gourmet kitchen. $8,900,0000.

SALINAS

NEW ON MARKET! Super, sharp single-level cosmetic remodel on a quiet street. All new kitchen with breakfast bar, tile and oak cabinetry. New carpet and doors throughout. Spacious family room with wet bar and brick fireplace which opens to a patio for easy entertaining. A large master bedroom with it's own bath and 3 other bedrooms offers lots of room for those who need space. $309,000.

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